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# Oh what a lovely war!



#### JOHN LICHFIELD

There they go, there they go, there they go ... Over the channel, and through the Tunnel. pour the massed battalions of the British Euro-sceptic Expethe coming weeks, they will fight them in the committee rooms, in the council chambers, in the summits, in the newspaper columns. If the beef ban should last for a thousand years, they will never surrender. If they're forced into another Dunkirk-withdrawal from Europe - they would not care.

But hold on a moment, the derided Euro-pacifist cries: is not this a very silly war?

For Britain is fighting, in ef-fect, on the side of Euro-federalism and Big Brother Europe against legitimate nat-ional anxietics. We are bombarding our allies as well as our opponents. We are within an inch or two of achieving our first objective peacefully.

We are deploying weapons which, if they damage anything at all, damage ourselves as much as they damage the enemy.

will be portrayed as the usual thing: Britain versus a threatening and monolithic Europe. But this time it is different. Consider the following remarkable statement by the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, speaking to Sky Television yesterday: The European Commission has said that (the easing of the beef ban] is the right thing to do. A small group of countries is

blocking all progress for their own internal political reasons." How shocking, Mr Rifkind implies, and how short-sighted. that a group of countries should put their own national interests and the concerns of their public before the expressed and au-

gust view of the European Commission...

So much, then, for the views of the German, Belghan, Dutch, Luxembourgish, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese people. They should they bow to the will jority. If the situation were reversed, and the BSE epidemic had occurred in, say, France, a child could compose the likely Daily Mail splash headline. "EU orders Britons to eat killer

meat!"

There are two reasons why this wholly unnecessary crisis may cause far more damage to Britain's relations with Europe than any of Mrs Thatcher's protracted constitutional and budgetary crusades of the 1980s - which, arguably, were neces-

> First, the dispute is driven on the British side by some genuine concern for fair play and anxiety about the livelihoods of

British beef farmers. We do have a case, although the Government has presented it badly. But the real long-term

interest of our farmers is to restore the reputation of British beef. This cannot be done by shouting: "Eat our heef or else". The whole affair has been hijacked by Euro-hysteria. It has been turbo-charged into a crisis by the opportunism of a minority of Conservative politicians and a majority of Euro-hashing British newspa-

Secondly, on the European side, the dispute is fuelled not by devious political machinations but by the life-and-death fears, however misplaced, of real people. Mad cows are no abstract Euro-squabble. BSE is one of those rare EU issues which people know about and

science and European law, the

care passionately about. In terms of strict veterinary

British Government and the European Commission may well be right. There is no clear scientific reason not to eat British beef. EU countries should certainly ease the export ban to allow trade in gelatin, tallow, semen

But a large section of consumer opinion on the continent believes that eating British beef eating any beef - might (just might) rot the hrains of their children and condemn them to a horrible early death. And who, originally, said so? The British Government and the

British press. The result is demonstrated by beef sales, which have fallen in Germany by 45 per cent, in France by 25 per cent, in Spain by 40 per cent, in Italy by 60 per cent. In Britain sales have returned to 94 per cent of last

year's levels. Given the absence of British

heef from the continental mar-ket, and the rarity of BSE on the continent, the Euro-consumers' fears are irrational. But they exist. Britain says Germany and the others should be doing more to educate their public. They say we should do more to convince consumers that we are eradicating BSE.

This is, then, a typical Grade One Euro-squabble in which the technical and political arguments have become so hopelessly intertwined that any solution is too technical for the politicians and too political for the technocrats.

Yet given minimal goodwill, and a little time, there would have been a compromise. Why? Because that is what Brussels is

It may still happen. But meanwhile, the British policy of non-cooperation will not paraiyse Europe. A large part of nor-mal EU husiness can be

conducted by majority vote. proves of, and British industry No-one was expecting early progress in the the rolling Inhas long wanted. We are facing a prolonged ter-governmental Conference stalemate. We will soon have de-

month but the 14 will probably

The truth is that we can

draw a little blood, but some will

be our own. One of the early tar-

gets for British obstruction is an

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thing that the Government ap-

ister as a footnote.

(IGC) on EU reform. Mr Mamands for more aggressive and probably illegal anti-EU offenjor can make a nuisance of himself at the Florence summit next sives. The main effect will be to draw up their own declaration. ahead of the election. What that leaving the British Prime Minwill do to the Poor Bloody Infantry of British commerce remains to be seen. Today, General Major is a hero. But it is all slightly reminiscent of Siegfried Sassoon's poem: "He's a cheery old card, grunted Harry to Jack... But he did for them both EU company law. This is some-thing we can block. Triumphl Unfortunately, it is also somewith his plan of attack."

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## Owen Oyston, the rapist



powerful with a strong personality. She was young and vulnerable.

- Mr Justice McCullough speaking last night. Full report, page 3

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# Jaymee and final choices: The story behind the story

A year of happy, hopeful life for an 11-year-old - what is it worth? It is priceless, of course, in a realm beyond financial reckoning. To the child herself, it was all there was.

Jaymee Bowen - Child B of the celebrated "health ra-tioning" case - died on Tuesday night, as most of the leading cancer experts knew she must. She lived longer than many predicted but the ending was virtually certain. Her beaming face and extraordinary hopefulness were almost unbearable to watch for those who knew that hope was an illusion. But she had her extra year. Controversy about the is-

sues in her case will live on for as long as dying patients press for expensive, untried treatments against the rigid confines of NHS budgets. This was Jaymee's story: fighting lenkaemia half of her life, at 10 years old she reached the end of the line after a bone marrow transplant failed. Her doctors said that there was no hope and further treatment might only

prolong suffering. But her father refused to accept it and demanded a second bone marrow transplant. The health authority, Cambridge and Huntingdon, refused because of the pain involved, noone in her condition had ever survived it and the best experts at the Royal Marsden hospital gave the same second opinion. (The health authority always said they would have paid for By Polly Toynbee

any treatment the Marsden had recomended.) So it was not entirely a matter of the £75,000 cost. But nor was money absent from their thinking.

Desperate, Jaymee's father turned to a private doctor, Dr Peter Gravett, who, to the extreme disapproval of most other child cancer specialists, said he would give Jaymee a second transplant. After the Appeal Court turned down a plea to

'I'd rather have gone through more suffering to live than not go through anything and die'

Jaymee Bowen, page 5 force the health authority to pay,

a private benefactor stepped

forward and Gravett told a

press conference the treatment would go ahead.
In fact, Jaymee never received the disputed second transplant, When Gravett looked again at the stark facts, he retreated. Instead he gave her more chemotherapy which put her into remission - treatment her original hospital might

have offered had Jaymee's fam-

And so she lived for another year to thumh her nose at the

ily pushed for it. Gravett then

gave her an experimental treat-

ment in early trial stages -

donor lymphocyte infusion - in-

fusing white blood cells from her

sister. It had never been tried

on a child and it could have stripped the skin from her

whole body. Jaymee's health au-

thority was never asked to foot

the hill for this treatment.

health authority. But since she was not part of a controlled trial, no one will ever know if her treatment gave her the extra year. It might have been just the

chemotherapy.
This, then, is not a nice neat moral dilemma: should the health authority have paid £75,000 to buy Jaymee a year of life? They were never offered anything that looked like that proposition. Like most health

Virtually all leading child cancer experts belong to the UK Childrens Cancer Study Group. pooling research on new treatments. Their chairman, Professor Clifford Bailey, says that were he faced with Jaymee's case again, he would give the same advice - not to treat her. He says the very early stages of the trials of donor lymphocyte infusion look as if it will not be a treatment in itself, but it may enhance the chances of bone marrow transplant success in 15 per cent of patients.
Britain leads in child

leukaemia treatment partly be-

cause all research is highly co-ordinated. Professor Bailey says if health authorities give in to patient pressure and fund untried, expensive treatments outside official trials, trials would be wrecked in popular stampedes with no clear outcomes. To any parent of a dying child that is a dry and deathly answer. Of course they will clutch at any straw from apricot stones and carrots to the now discredited rush for interferon for bone cancer. The burden will always fall upon health authorities to make the choice, but what more can they do but rely on the overwhelming medical opinion of the day?



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# Portable numbers dial the future

**MATHEW HORSMAN** Media Editor

In what the telecoms industry calls a "world first", BT customers in Derby will be able to switch in a cheaper phone service without changing their telephone number.

Nynex CableComms, the country's second-largest cable operator, launched "number portability in its Derby franchise vesterday, and said it would extend the option to other franchise areas in coming

to make the same choice, as other cable nperaturs introduce their own schemes.

Number portability has been one of the most contentious issues in the long-running campaign hy Oftel to increase competition in the UK telecoms

Don Cruickshank, the direcfor-general of the industry's regulator. Oftel, vowed to continue to push for a broader introduction of the scheme

He said the ultimate goal was to have a single number that follows customers everywhere, and that could be used for fixed and mobile communications. But he and industry analysts agree that the prospect is still several years off, due to

complex technical challenges. Initially, portability will be available only within cable franchise areas and phone numbers cannot be kept if customers

dential customers and £40 for businesses.

Nynex intends to roll out portability to its other franchise areas, including Stoke and areas of the South, by August. Telewest, the country's largest cable operator, said yesterday it would move quickly to introduce the option in its own franchise areas.

Independent studies have sbown that customers - partic-ularly small business - are up their own phone number.

Businesses worry about the costs of replacing stationery, business cards and so on," said a spokesman for Nynex. "Our studies also show refuctance on the part of higher income customers, for whom price is not

the only issue." BT agreed to portability only following a ruling by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which suggested guidelines over how the costs of

months. Customers elsewhere throughout the country, working the country will soon be able in g BT and its main competitions and its main competitions. The resistent to switching to a non-switching would be met. Consider region. The resistent to switching to a non-switching would be met. Consider region. The resistent to switching to a non-switching would be met. Consider region. The resistent to switching to a non-switching would be met. Consider region. The resistent to switching to a non-switching would be met. Consider region. als, the company releasing a phone number would bear about 70 per cent of the costs, with the new service provider covering the remaining 30 per

> The cable industry has long viewed lack of portability as one of the most important restraints nn its growth in the UK. Once the option is more widely available, its is expected to give a boost to penetration rales for

## SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Strike action may bit the Euro 96' football championship after the train drivers' union Aslet yesterday celled for a halfot on 24-hour stoppages in protest at a 2.7 per cent pay offer to its London Underground staff.

The urion's executive said the first threatened walk-out is on 26 June the date of the semi-final when tens of thousands of fans will be travelling to Wembley for the game. Asial said the company was attaching unacceptable stings to its offer in order to final the a one-hour reduction in the working week to 36.5 hours. ASLEF said London Underground was only prepared to 1.9 per tent if there were no concessions.

Young for a sener of one-day walkouts among the union's 2,000 members at London Underground will end on 19 June. leaving a statutory seven days notice for the first stoppage
leaving a statutory seven days notice for the first stoppage
You have been added to the first stoppage
mattagement of reneging on a deal which bought last year's
pay dispute to an end.

A spokesman for London Underground said management
that

"ather surprised" by the ballot decision and warned that a sinke would not help the business or its staff. Berry Clement

Laurgiar died after a struggle with a householder, an important field Mildos Nick Baungertner, 56; of Ockdinok, Derby told in a recorded police interview how 22-year-old Robert Inglam collapsed as they fought at his home in December 1995, before dying two hours later. The hearing was told that the cause of death was pressure anniver in the rest which caused heart failure. Mr. Raun applied to the neck which caused heart failure. Mr. Baun-gartner declined to give enderce but on the rape Mr. Baun-gartner told how he returned home at 4:30pm to find his house being burgled and a fight ensued. A July returned a metalic of accidental death. PA-

The dredger in the Marchioness disaster has sunk, it was fvice since the traged season years ago in which 51 lives were lost, and now called the Born Rei, under Portuguese ownership — broke in two and went down 500 males of the coast of Madeira. One crew member died and

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, has been alrawn into a legal battle involving a couple who are trying to retrieve their car after it was clamped seven weeks ago. He stepped in at the request of Chris and Linda Milner's Title in West Yorkshire. Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse, after it emerged they face a bill of more than £1,000 to recover their £3,700 car after originally being told that the fee for up-clamping the marron Ford Escort was £95 and had to be paid within an hour. PA

The latest and biggest of the MoD's new agencies, which will be responsible soldiers' training, was formed yesterday. It is taking over sening soldiers to o their lobs from deans of separate organisations. With 85,000 stuitents passing through 1,400 courses in a year, and 12,000 instructors, it is equivalent to a medium-sized education authority or about

eight large universitities.

The chief executive, Major General Chris Elliott, will be responsible for delivering trained soldiers to his "customers the Army's regiments and corps. They will include fully trained paratroops for the Paras, tank crewmen for the cavalry and helicopter pilots for the Air Corps, divers, linguists and soldiers grafified as nuclear, biological and chemical werfare in-

Bus privatisation has not improved services in London,
with one of 12 buses not turning up, according to an arialysis published by the Capital Transport Campaign! It suggests that one in four passengers are waiting for more intan 10 annutes even on high-frequency services. The worst performance is in Merton where 28 per cent of passengers had to wait longer than 10 minutes. The best was hilling.

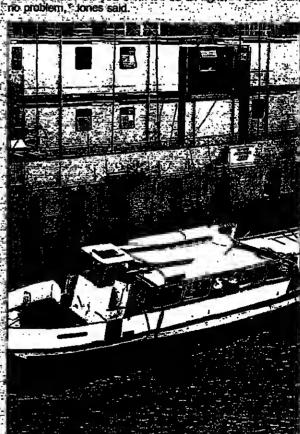
don with 17 per cent. Landon Transport stressed that there had been a marginal improvement on high frequency routes and that the poor permuch of the year under consideration.

Veteran rocker Rod Stewart is to go on a national tour.

With his old group The Faces, it was revealed yesterday.

The tour, provisionally planned for later this year, will feature the band's original line-up from the 70s, including Ron Wood and Jan McLagan. According to drummer Kenny Jones, the tour will raise money for Ronnie Lane, the fifth member of the band, who is suffering from Multiple Scierosis.

He said that the reunion resulted from a recent secret meeting in Dublin. There's been a great demand for the Faces to actually retorm and do something....It's mainly to help Ron-nie Lane and will be in the spirit of Ronnie." Jones, 47, said... The Band, perhaps best known for their hit single Stay With Me, spir in the mid-70s after Stewart became a tax exise. The 50 year-old rocker, famous for his love of football and blondes, was nervous when they asked him to rejoin them. We were in a pub and he said 'Oh do you think the others would let me? Do you think it'll be all right?" I said: 'Yeali.



The Marchioness: The boat that sank her has now itself sank

#### Confusion in Brussels: But British ministers insist they aren't 'at war' as disruption starts

#### **British** begin to block and stall EU

SARAH HELM Brussels and JOHN RENTOUL

Amid confusion in Brussels, Britain yesterday began its cam-paign to disrupt EU business in retaliation for the beef ban, by blocking a convention on insolvency, and warning of further use of the veto.

The Government yesterday warned its European Union partners that Britain "will not be pushed around", as John Major set up a crisis Cabinet to oversee its policy of non-cooperation to secure a lifting of the ban. But Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, both rejected suggestions that Britain was "al war" with other EU countries.

David Bostock, the UK's deputy permanent representative to the EU, read out passages of the Prime Minister's statement at a meeting of senior officials, in order to reaffirm the Government's serious intent. The statement was greeted in silence by the representatives of other member states.

Mr Rifkind said: "We didn't expect the Prime Minister's announcement to be welcomed by other countries ... but we are not going to be pushed around wonderfully."

He spoke after Mr Major moved to set up a three-man "core group" of the Cahinet to oversee the strategy of non-cooperation with the European Union. The committee consists of the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agri-culture. Mr Rifkind said: "We have a serious disagreement with a number of countries. The



Surning issue: A carcass on its way to the furnace at a Ministry of Agriculture-registered crematorium near Cambridge

proper way to resolve it is by dialogue and negotiation.

A Downing Street spokesman said the "core group" was planning a series of ministerial visits to European capitals to

A second committee, chaired by the public services minister. Roger Freeman, will be charged with overseeing \*domesuc action" - ensuring that the slaughler programme and anti-BSE

measures are enforced. As Conservative Euro-sceptics continued to celebrate what they perceived as a partial victory, Tory divisions remained nn display, with Mr Clarke - whose affected by the EUs foreign-

adopting a glaringly different

tone from Tory Central Office. He denied that the strategy of disruption was designed to goistic way in the run-up to the election. "We are not wrapping ourselves in the Union Jack. The Conservative Party is patriotic but it is not nationalist."

Attention will now focus on positions taken by Britain in a number of key Brussels meetings planned for the next few days, on foreign trade policy, civil pro-tections and the single market. British interests are strongly

support for the obstruction of trade decisions, and the Gov-EU business was critical - emment is expected to resist serious disruption in this field.

Despite the clear signs that a policy of non-co-operation is now in force, British officials important meetings in Brussels, including talks in the intergovernmental conference, on long-term EU reform.

The European Commission, meanwhile, cleared a new hurdle on the way to easing the beef ban, by agreeing that its pro-posal for ending the ban on gelatine, tallow and semen, would be re-submitted to a special council of agriculture ministers on 3 June. It was rejection of the same proposals before the standing veterinary committee on Monday that provoked the Government's retaliatory action.

If the agriculture council the proposal, it will be sent back to the European Commission, which will then be obliged, under EU rules to order its implementation. There will be heavy lobbying in the run-up to the meeting to ensure that such an outcome is avoided, as the commission could be accused of taking an undemocratic decision, which runs counter to the feelings of some member states.

Commission afficials, who

called for calm, continued to play down the senousness of Mr Major's threats, questioning whether Britain would ultimately take any signficant disruptive measures. It was noted as significant that the Government had held back from ordering any trade sanctions, and bad not carried out an earlier threat to call a special EU summit to discuss the crisis.

Photograph: Brian Hamis

However, several of Britain's partners expressed new alarm at the Government's stance afler examining the details of Mr Major's statement. Lamberto Dino, the Italian foreign minister, spoke of "strong-arm tactics" and "blackmail".

# Help! Send for the Mongolians

Wednesday, on the last day be-fore the Whit recess, and the Chamber showed few signs of previous afternoon's excitement. The lingering indentatings of agitated Tory bottoms could just be spotted on the green benches. But where were the order papers that had been so hravely waved just 24 hours earlier? Where the echoes of the martial songs sung to cele-brate a warrior nation's rediscovery of itself? Was this bare disputch box really the place where that historic statement had been read to an Impatient

All gone now. Dispersed to committees and poky offices, to constituency husiness and speeches to the YCs, to bornughs and hamlets - charged with preparing the British people for the struggle ahead. The Musier of England has begun.

Well, nearly all gone. A small few had duties still to perform

with the popular Kumon method.



William Powell, Conservative member for Corby, and chairman of the British-Mongolian Parliamentary Group. He was there to tell Jeremy Hanley (minister at the Foreign Office). a whip, me, the reporters from Hansard and three Mongolians in the public gallery, all about the hurgeoning alliance be-tween London and Ulan Bator.

Mr Powell's speech was in the best tradition of pre-war church

hall slide-shows (William

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Parisian postcards for pictures of African children finding God). A missinnary-like figure himself, speaking in vicarisb tines, Mr Powell has also in his time served nn groups liaising with Malta, Singapore, The Gulf, Sri Lanka, Italy, Taiwan and (most toothsome of all) Mauritus. Where other mare parochial MPs have limited themselves to commuting hetween Westminster office and constituency office, gradually coming to regard a night out at a Berni Inn as exotic, Mr Powell has served his country by con-tinually leaving it. And his

substituting stills of saucy

sacrifice has not been wasted. He started well. "Mongolia is not a faraway country of which we know nothing", he averred. So I tested myself. Could I name a country which was fur-ther away and of which I knew less? I failed. But that was exactly

suhverting such occasions, what Mr Powell was pledged to put right. As be did so he waxed poetic. "As we speak, darkness is descending over Ulan Bator, hut it can be reached within 24 hours by air-transport." True, but so can the moon.

"To speak physically, there are very few clouds. The sun shines. The sky is blue." Kublai helps Mummy cut up the yak.
"To the north tle the Arctic wastes of Siberia: to the south the Gohi desert; to the east the Great Wall of China: to the west the romance and mystery of Samarkand and Tashkent." But it had only the population of Birmingham. Then the pernration. Mon-

golia made great vodka, terrifcashmerc, well-educated children (so the comparison with Birmingham ends there), and could do with advice on agricultural matters (where we are the obvious choice). Mr Powell had been there recently, and he "went in friendship and was received in friendship". Finished, he packed his slides away and sat down.

This was news that Mr Hanley must have been grateful to hear. After all, we are not making a great fist out of our other alliances at the moment - so we may soon need the Mongolians. Indeed, the last time that they were over here in any numbers (in the middle of the thirteenth century) they made

quite an impact. Within 24 hours of our call using "air transport", they could come riding to our rescue, their women-folk trundling behind them in motorised yurts. Hel-mut Kohl's head hanging by its sparse hairs from their leader's saddle-bow. "Take us to Genghis Major", they will demand, so that we may pay homage to a real warrior."

## Trimble issues tough warning over support

DONALD MACINTYRE

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, yesterday staked out his ground ahead of planned all-party talks on Northern Ireland with his sharpest warning that be could yet he prepared to see the Government fall.

The UUP leader warned that Jnhn Majnr's Gnvernment "need not look to us for sup-port" if it started to backslide on the key issue of requiring IRA weapons to be decommissioned as the talks, due to start on 10 June, progressed.

The warning came amid Unionist fears that the separa-tion of the planned talks into different strands, as sought by the Irish government, will break any link between the progress of political talks and the handing in of republican weapons.

Mr Trimble strongly denied

on the BBC Radio 4 programme Today that he was



Trimble: Blowing the whistle

adopting a hardline posture in advance of Northern Ireland

elections to a peace forum, which will precede the talks. He said his threat on Tuesday pull down the Government if it broke undertakings over the ceasefire and decomm bad been "serious". He said: "What we have

detected in the past few days are signs of a familiar old Irish stitch-up. We've been here regularly in the last 10 years where secret deals done between No 10 and the Irish government are imposed upon us. This is happening not just, we feel, with regard to the details of the talks. We see it happening again and we're blowing the whistle."

His remarks came as Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, prepared yesterday to meet in London to try and make progress on the format or the talks.

Mr Trimble warned that the UUP would "not support an administration that is doing serious damage to the United Kingdom". He added: "Whal we must do is to make it absolutely clear to the terrorists that terrorism will not work."

Meanwhile, Robert McCartney, the Independent UK Unionist MP for North Down, who had an 80-minute meeting with Mr Major yesterday, said that the Prime Minister now knew that he was "dealing with a professional team of negotiators who know their

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## Media tycoon jailed for 'horrendous offences' against 16-year-old. Chris Blackhurst reports

# Oyston gets six years for rape

tycoon and long-time Labour Party donor, was yesterday extent Miss B has been trausentenced to six years in prison matised by her ordeal. for raping and indeceotly

assaulting a 16-year-old girl. Mr Justice McCullough told him: "You were 58, she was 16. You were rich and powerful with a strong personality. She was young and vulnerable."

She had not, said the judge, "led you on in any way. As Miss B so accurately put it, 'he treat-

oot." The judge told Liverpool for nine years. The verdict Hall oear Lancaster, Lawyers one of indecent assault. Sepa-Crown Court that it was delivered after a marathon leimpossible to know to what

Describing them as "horrendous offences" he sentenced Oyston to three years oo the indecent assault and six on the rape, the sentences to run concurrently.

The judge said that but for the fact he was 62, of previous good character and that the offences took place four years

gal process and a jury deliberation lasting over eight hours, makes Oyston, who is worth an estimated £40m, the richest man to go to prison in Britain for sex offences.

He was acquitted of raping a woman known as "Miss A", at his country mansion. But the jury found he indecently assaulted Miss B, a model who is oow 20, by forcing her to have oral sex in a car and then raping her at his home, Claughton

considering an appeal.

Proceedings against Oyston

began in January last year when he was charged with offences involving six women. Unknown to the jury, a Manchester magistrate ruled last year that he had no case to answer on charges of raping one woman and indecently assaulting two others.

Earlier this year Oyston was tried at Manchester Crown Court on two counts of rape and

for Oyston, led by Anthony
Scrivener QC, said they were each rape charge and the judge ruled the trial could not be reported until all the sex charges

against him had been decided. On one rape, of a woman in London's Hilton Hotel in Park Lane, he was acquitted. On another, at his home, the jury could not agree and a retrial was ordered. That retrial of Miss A was heard along with the case of Miss B. On one charge of indecently assaulting Miss A he was acquitted in Manchester.

in Liverpool have listened to a lurid saga of sex in cars, in London, and at his home, involving women from a model agency in

At one point during the trial when Miss B recounted how, aged 16, she was subjected to a sex attack by Oyston in the back of a Toyota Supra car and was theo forced into further sex at his home, three members of the jury were reduced to tears. Mr Scrivener argued that Oystoo deserved some clemen-

and the facts showed that httle force was used, but his plea cut little ice with the judge.
As Oyston was being led

from the dock, he mouthed "I love you" to his daughter Heidi, who was in the public gallery. A tearful Heidi responded by mouthing to her father, "I love you too.

Detective Sergeant Harry Harrison, of the Greater Manchester police investigation team, said of the young model;

For the last few weeks jurors cy because the offences oc-Liverpool have listened to a corred a long time ago, his age a very difficult time for the

young lady and her family.
"She has shown tremendous courage in coming to court and giving her evidence, which at time included details of an intimate and traumatic nature.

"I hope that she can take some consolation from the fact that today's result can be seen as a victory for the average person by showing that no matter who an offender is, action can and will be taken when a person's privacy is violated".

# Jokes and deals as philanderer heads for jail

Owen Oyston was oo good form in the Liverpool hotel.

Inside, there is a great medieval hall, the centrepiece of which is Talking of big business deals and his plans for Blackpool, the football club he owned, he showed no coocern that he was heading for prison, guilty of rap-

ing a 16-year-old girl. Dressed in the vivid orange colours of Blackpool, he was surrounded by his family and close friends, including Billy Bingham, the former Northern lifts everywhere from his employees. Uotil recently, hisoo Louise Ellman, leader of Lancashire County Council. There was virtually oo mentioo of the three weeks at Liverpool Crown Court which had been hearing accounts of his philandering on a prodigious scale.

Instead, as ever with Oyston, the talk was of football transfers, property developments, plans for a new stadium outside Blackpool, his stake in Sunday Business, a new national newspaper, and the addition of Radio Belfast to his network of local radio stations.

There were plenty of jokes about his legal fees but with a fortune estimated at £40m, they should not hurt him too much.

His wife Vicky, his daughters and son had been forced listen to how be had a stream of affairs and the lurid details of a four-poster in their family home. Witnesses told how he often wined and dined young women in London, while his wife stayed at home. Many families would have chucked him out long ago. A natural ac-tor - ironically he once played in Crown Court on television he is a one-off in the staid, boring world of business with un-fashionable trademark long bair and goatie beard, coupled with his fondness for wide-brimmed hats and fur-trimmed coats.

His style is tacky, something belonging to a different age. His home is a Gothic mansion high cent of the company, yet it was their decision he reacted furious to a concerted smear on the hills near Lancaster. obvious to everyone that behind ously, threatening legal action. campaign by senior local Con

hall, the centrepiece of which is a modern table tennis table. In the garage there is a gold Rolls-Royce, bomb-proof with curtains around the windows, and a cocktail cabinet and TV set in the back. He last used it to go to the Blackpool Illuminations. Next to it is parked a rare Lamborghini. They are hardly ever used, he prefers to cadge grazed on his front lawn.

He made his mooey by striking tough deals and shameless self-promotion. For years, night after night, he would appear on television commercials in the North, extolling the virtues of his estate ageocy chain before falling backwards fully clothed

into a swimming pool.
One deal made his fortune. At the height of the property boom he sold the estate agency to Royal Insurance for £33m. His timing was superb, but his negotiations were characterised by a ruthless streak. Royal wanted to get into estate agency - he had the biggest chain in England with 98 branches. According to those close to the negotiations be drove the price up and up, until now, in the cold light of the property recession, it looks like

That cajoling, bullying streak is another side to his nature which is rarely seen in public but is constantly present in business meetings. He has an attention spao of zero, hardly listens to what he is being told for any length of time, is constantly thinking of the next moneymaking opportunity and how he can exploit it to his advantage.

The City's antipathy was exained by his sleight of band oo TransWorld, which owned radio stations and the Miss World contest, where he consistently denied he held more than 29 per



Hali (above) where the rape took lace; Ovston eceiving an hon-

musical (who was not involved in the case); his Gothic nansion Claughtor orary degree (far right); and pictured with his wife Vicky (on the right) and is daughter Karen



the share register lurked his

Almost a mini-Robert Maxwell in the way he surrounded himself with expensive advisers and always kept people waiting, he went from meeting to meeting, riding roughshod over people's lives, expecting them to comply with his timetable. Employees were hours and subjected to roastings. A favourite ploy was the personal touch, a hand on the arm or a pat on the back, as if that

was enough compensation for

the hell they had just been put through. He always had to get his own way and lacks a conciliatory side to his personality. When Lancashire Enterprises, a company he jointly owned with Lancashire County Council floated on the stock market, its advisers said they could oot sell shares to the public with him on board. Instead of ahiding by their decision he reacted furi-

At ooe time a close friend of Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, Oyston was once one of the party's biggest individual backers. These days, he does not enjoy the entre with the Labour leadership that he once did. In truth, he is apolitical - the other night he was saying how he hated the soubriquet "socialist millionaire" - and counts Tory MPs, notably Sir Tom Arnold, and Harold Elletson, among bis closest

friends. He was never accepted in London. The City tends to regard him with a mixture of disdain and opeo hostility.

The feeling is mutual. He likes to come down from the North, bold court in the Hilton, have a few meetings, then go back again. With his hippy looks and previous open support for Labour, he will never find ac ceptance in the Square Mile.

Increasingly in recent years evidence has emerged that this rather odd character, is the target of a concerted smear

For once, where such plots are alleged, the proof exists. Three Tories, Robert Atkins and Lord Blaker, both former ministers, and Bill Harrison, a prominent Blackpool builder, encouraged a local self-styled anti-corruption campaigner. Michael Murrin, to look into

Unknown to them, Mr Mur-

rin taped their phone calls and kept the letters about his campaign. Years later, Oyston was

able to buy them from him. The campaign against him has been raised in Commons Early Day Motions. The trio say they did it because they want-ed to investigate his dealings

that be was arrested just three will be denied the commodity weeks before a court case against the ex-ministers was due to be beard in London. In the event, the case was thrown out. The ex-Ministers had no involvement in Oyston's arrest

and prosecution. Used to being constantly on with local councillors. In his rape trial, the conspiracy was raised again. It was pointed out mad in prison. For one thing he

he loves best after mooey namely women. His womanis ing was extraordinarily prodigious and blatant. Girls, normally strikingly beautiful, were always around him, espe cially on his trips to London. He ooce boasted of having had sex with two Miss Worlds. Those days are far behind bim

# Old bones, stained teeth, one trunk and the Missing Link

Science Correspondent

After 43 years of detective work, the search for the perpetrator of the biggest scientific hoax of the century is finally over - and the motive has been revealed as one man's wish for a weekly wage instead of piece-

"Filtdown Man", a faked fos-sil discovered in 1912, ruined the reputation of Arthur Smith Woodward, keeper of paleootology at the Natural History Museum. He went to his deathbed insisting that the skull discovered in a Sussex quarry was that of the earliest Englishman, and that the carved elephant bone found with it (shaped suspiciously like a cricket bat) was genuine. But in 1953, five years after

Woodward died, the fossils were shown to be fakes: the skull, instead of being the "missing link" between ape and man, was composed of an orangutan jaw and a man's head. The other fossils were also found to be fakes, made of stained and carved old bones.

However, the identity of the hoaxer remained a mystery. Over the years, it was hlamed variously on Charles Dawson, a lawyer who first found the remains, on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, and on Teilhard de Thardin, the noted priest and

palaeontologist But the discovery by the Natural History Museum of an old canvas trunk in its attic seems to have answered the question.

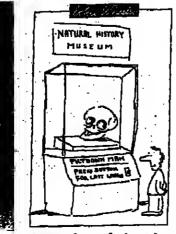


created the skull of 'Piltdown Man' (below left)



Inside were human teeth, which had been stained like those of the "fossils". The trunk's owner was the late Martin A.C. Hinton, the museum's curator of zoology at the time of the fraud. "I'm 100 per cent certain that

it was him," said Brian Gar-



diner, professor of paleontology at King's College, London, yesterday. "The contents of the trunk clinch it."

Professor Gardiner first had a hunch that it was Hintoo in 1953, when he was working at the museum as a student as the fraud was exposed. He will give a lecture on his conclusion tomorrow night to the Linnean Society. Hinton was known as a practical joker. Dawson was the fall guy for his practical okes, just a gullible solicitor Hinton's motive is shown by some letters," he said yesterday

"In 1910, Hinton was just a summer studen! working there m his holidays, and he wrote to Woodward asking to work at the museum cataloguing rodent re mains." He was offered £130 after the work was complete Hinton, then 27, asked for a weekly payment. Woodward is thought to have been unmoved - which piqued Hinton, a prodigy who at 16 had had a naper published on how fossils become stained by river deposits.

The contents of the trunk show that Hinton produced the fakes by careful staining; the teeth were his test runs. The key clues for the Piltdown detectives are the presence of traces of chromium metal in the teeth the trunk - and the Piltdown bones. The chromium is the missing link which finally

fingers Hinton.
The only question that remains is why Hinton did not own up once Woodward had swallowed the bait. "I think i was all taken so seriously and attracted so much atteotioo that he couldn't," said Heory Gee of the science journal Na-ture, which today publishes a full account of the search. "The trooble now is that all the suspects are dead and buried. You would have to be Inspector Morse to answer that one."



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# Carey's church is too preachy, says Runcie

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, has warned of dangers in the "Preachy Church" which he sees emerging under his suc-cessor. Dr George Carey.

Speaking in the last of the BBC Radio 4 programs The Purple, the blue and the red, Lord Runcie said: "The danger of the management Church, and the sort of preachy Church, is that it is able, much more effectively, to address a much narrower

Lord Runcie's fear that the Church is becoming more distant from the centres of power and debate in England as it becomes better managed and more streamlined is bound to renew the controversy over reforms in the Church.

His remarks echo concerns expressed in the autumn when the Church's General Synod debated the report of a commit-

Turnbull, which proposed the establishment of a central committee to govern the Church of England and unite the powers of the General Synod and the

two archbishops.
"We are creating a Church which is better organised financially, better governed synodically, better promoted by its enthusiastic and specialist min-istries, but actually it is addressing a smaller and smaller constituency," said Lord Runcie.

His interpretation was dis-puted by a spokesman for the General Synod, who said that it was wrong to speak of a smaller and smaller constituency when Church attendance has been stable for the last five years. "The Church of England remains totally committed to its outward-looking mission to the whole nation. The Church's involvement in evangelism, in social action in deprived urban areas and elsewhere, and in

tee chaired by the bishop of debate ahout moral issues Durham, the Rt Rev Michael affecting the whole of society is as strong as ever," the spokesman said.

However, the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Rev Phillip Goodrich, was more sympa-thetic to the former Archhishop. "It's a very interesting way of putting the problem," he said. But he thought the reorganisation of the Church was inevitable after the Church Commissioners, who manage its £3bn assets, lost £800m in property speculation land.
"It is all very well Lord Run-

cie saying this, but the Church which he is really wanting was, of course, based on the fact that it was pretty much provided for by the Church Commissionsaid Bishop Goodrich. "We are having to be better organised, hecause after all, our stipendiary clergy are paid for by the laity. All the professions are finding this - everything has to be brought under

Christian exhibition: Evangelical show expands into religious mainstream



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## Churches set out stalls for shopping spree

#### ANDREW BROWN

More than 100 million communion wafers are eaten in England every year, and 30 million of them are made by the firm of FA Dumont, in Folkestone, Kent. They are available in individual sizes, and in larger versions, pre-scored to break sealed edges to avoid crumbs.

This year's marketing development is to package the wafers in rolls of only 100 each, instead of packets of 250, according to David Pead, a director of the firm at this year's Christian Resources Exhibition, held at Esher in Surrey.

It is the right place to advertise his services: the exhibition expects to attract around 2,000 clergy and 10,000 lay visitors over the next week, eager to sample everything necessary for professional Christians. There are embroiderers and tailors of vestments. There were bookstalls, a software shop; mentions of His name there, sellers of Christian holidays and the computers connected to called Majestees. Numerous firms competed to make church furniture, and, one, Pew Corner,

Evangelical organisations promoted tales of revival in Israel, in prison, and in Siberia. One stall gamely handed out leaflets prophesying a coming war between Russia and Israel, a staple of millennial enthusiasts in the days before the end of communism. But the show is becoming more and more mainstream from its evangelical beginnings. This year it was opened by the Roman Catholic bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Crispian Hollis; and wished well by all the main-

stream churches. There was every sort of musical instrument on sale, from fish-shaped tambourines to fullscale organs. Chris Wright, a woodworker from Yorkshire, alsodisplayed a monitor with map of the Diocese of Bradford on it. He is a founder of Chris-

tians on the Internet. God is very hig in cyberspace. A recent search of the World Wide Web found 1.2 million and special Christian T-shirts, the Internet drew the biggest crowds of any exhibit, patiently waiting their turn, and profurniture, and, one, Pew Corner, to huy it: they sell on old pews and benches lo wine bars. moting one of the organisers to remark: "They also surf who only stand and wait."

## British boy, 13, held in Nigeria

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

A 13-year-boy from London has been abducted and held captive for the past four weeks in Nigeria by the country's military Government, it was revealed

yesterday.

The family of John-Paul Mokulou, who was visiting relatives during a holiday to Nigeria, believe he is being held hostage by the country's junta in an attempt to lure his father in an attempt to lure his father who they want to question.

The boy's mother, Christine
Olukoya, has flown from Britain

to Nigeria in an attempt to se-cure the release of her son. Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP who represents the family who live in Hampstead, northwest London, yesterday con-demned the Nigerian authorities' actions as "outra-

geous and unacceptable". John-Paul, who was born in Britain, was arrested by Nigerian security forces on 23 April while he was staying with his fa-ther in the capital, Lagos. His father, who escaped during the raid, is believed to be a cousin of the former president of Nigeria and may be seen as a threat

to the existing regime.

The boy is being held in a Nigerian Special Security Services secure complex in Lagos. At first the authorities denied to relatives and the British Consular officials that John-Paul, who has dual nationality, was being held. However they have since confirmed his existence hut have refused to allow anyone to see him.

They are convinced he is being held hostage to try and force



John-Paul Mokulou: Family believes father is target

month agreed to tightening sanctions until General Sani Abacha's military Government shows greater respect for human

Ms Jackson said: "John Paul is a 13-year-old British schoolboy, travelling on a British passport, and there can be no excuse for his abduction and continuing imprisonment.

"I urge the Foreign Office to do everything in it's power to se-cure his immediate release."

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, has been informed about the case and consular staff are believed to he involved in behind the scenes negotiations.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday: "Although [John-Paul] holds dual nationality, we have pressed hard for consular access to see him on a number of occasions, since he for is a minor.

We are concerned about his welfare. However the famhis father to give himself up.

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Martin Slack, senior partner of actuaries Lane, Clark & Peacock said to value a child's life financially was "very difficult. It would be a spurious and very

sweeping judgement". When actuaries assess loss of life or quality of life in accident cases or deaths, the main thing they take into account is the level of income during the victims' working lives, which will have

beeo cut skort.

Mr Slack said you would assume that someone would work until they are 60, "so you're looking at, say, 20 years multiplied by an average income of £20,000 a year so it could be a capital value of £400,000."

If a case included medical negligence as well, additional expenses such as nursing and distress would also be taken into

"Actuaries can't place a val-ue on an extra year of life for a child. If you had a 25-year-old doing a valuable job it's easier. Suppose an individual had a job contributing an income value to society of about £50,000 you'd say it was worth spending £30,000 on treatment for them to be able to do that job for another year."

The Department of Trans-port also estimate the value of life. According to their 1994 figures the cost of a casualty in a road accident is £784,000 which takes into account lost output, medical and ambulance costs and human cost. In 1994 there were 3,500 such casualties.

In the health system economists have attempted to value treatments under Quality Adiusted Life Years (QALY). formatioo oo different treatments and look at how many extra years of life are given and the quality of life compared with the costs of treatment. They draw up league tables on the most cost-effective treatment. Therefore £200 given to a GP for treatment to stop a patient smoking would be highly efficient under QALY, whereas hip replacements would come half-way up the scale.

**GLENDA COOPER** 

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But Professor Chris Ham, of the health services management centre at the University of Birmingham warns against luoking at this in Jaymee Bowen's case, "Used in these kinds of cases the data is very limited. There isn't enough to make an infereoce over rationing ... we would oeed a proper system evaluating such treatments before you could ap-

ply them widely." Mr Slack agrees. "You can't out a financial value on a child's life. It is a social issue." He addcd: "Clearly there

are special cases. There is oo doubt that the country would be prepared to spend mooey on a major player such as the Prime Minister or whoever because of the damage that would be caused if they were not available to do their jobs. But when it gets to ordinary mortals like you and me it's more difficult."

get better'. I'd rather have gone father that the child should be through more suffering to live than not go through anything was in hospital one day and I The image of Jaymee Bowen that remains is of a courageous and hright child who refused to and die. Of course there are some children who wouldn't do despair and said that if she had that. But I'm not ooe of them."

'Never give up. If you do,

you'll have nothing left'

mei Stephen Thornton, the Her leukaemia had returned chief executive of Cambridge in January 1995: "I just got called out of assembly [and told] you've got a hug in your Health Authority, she would hlood. You have to go back to hospital. I'm thinking 'oh no Last October, when her leukaemia was in remission. here we go'. I thought it would just be something very slight that they could get rid of with some she gave an interview to BBC Television's Panorama in which she told Mr Thorntoo: "Thank you for nothing. Now look at me. I'm fine. You could have actibiotics. And I weot in and I found out that I had to have paid for it. You had the chance more chemotherapy. That didn't exactly make me feel any Jaymee said she was prepared to go through with whatever better because I'd just spent the past three or four months growing my hair. And it didn't make treatment was necessary to give

go and lose it again for the had been angry with the health fourth time." For some time Jaymee was "I would have gone to court and stood right there in front of them and said, 'no matter what unaware that she was Child B around whom a cause celebre it takes I am going to go through this and I'm going to was unfolding. When she saw a news report about it she told her

me feel any better that I had to

treated. "According to Daddy I saw something or other on the news or in the newspaper and apparently I said, 'Daddy if I was Child B I would have the chemotherapy'... That thought did cross my mind many a time, 'If I was Child B I would definitehave the treatment because

Photograph: Kevin Lamarque

I'd just been through it and it had made me better'. She finally realised she wa Child B before her father told her. "I kind of figured it out because in some of the cards I got in hospital they put 'to Child B, love from whoever', and I'm thinking Well if it says to Child B and it's addressed to me then I must be Child B'."

Jaymee said she would continue fighting oo matter what happened: "I say oever give up hope unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you. Never give up. Because if you give up, you will just end up with oothing left."

# Child B's treatment 'worth the money'

**GLENDA COOPER** 

The doctor who treated the leukaemia victim Jaymee Bowen, once known as "Child B", said yesterday that he had no regrets, despite her death this

"In retrospect, I would still do the same thing to the same person in the same circumstances." said Dr. Peter Gravett, a con-

sultant haematologist.

Jaymee, whose case became a cause celebre after her local health authority refused her a second bone marrow transplant, died oo Tuesday evening.

She seemed to have beated her disease - she suffered from non-Hodgkins lymphoma and leukaemia - last March when a mystery beoefactor paid £75,000 for her to be treated

Cambridge and Huotingdon

to force them to continue to would do it again. To have a treat her. The authority argued that she had endured enough chemotherapy. Her chances of survival were slim and the money could be better spent.

The case of Jaymee - known at the time only as "Child B" sparked a national debate over rationing in the NHS. She eveotually underwept an experimeotal treatment known as donor lymphacyte infusion, injecting her sister's healthy blood cells into her body although it had proved successful in only 11

out of 50 cases. Although her leukaemia had seemed to have gune into re-mission, she was admitted to a Loodon hospital last week. Tests showed the illness had relapsed and despite initial imclear year of life after being written off is worth it. Is it worth spending £6.000 a month on an 11-year-old girl running around. . or to spend it on people who remain in intensive care who may never regain normal life?

However, he added that it would he better for experimental treatments to take place within the context of clinically cootrolled trials. Stephen Thornton, chief ex-

ecutive of Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission, stood by his decision not to give Jaymee further treatment. "We took the decision on a professional basis after a lot of consultation and thought hut it became a very personal affair. . . We have always said

it felt would not work.

Professor Maurice Lessof, who chaired a Royal College of Physicians' working party which produced a report on setting priorities in the NHS last year. said the case had opened the public's eyes to the fact that choices had to be made. "There has to be some open discussion of this and the public in the end need to understand that there is so much effective but highcost and sometimes distressing

can't have it all." Jaymee's courage had been an encouragement for others, said Dr. Gravett. He had spoken yesterday to her father, who said to him; "Don't let anybody tell you we failed."

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But Dr. Gravett admitted that when Jaymee had become ill again, "she had said it she had to go through it all again she really didn t want to ".







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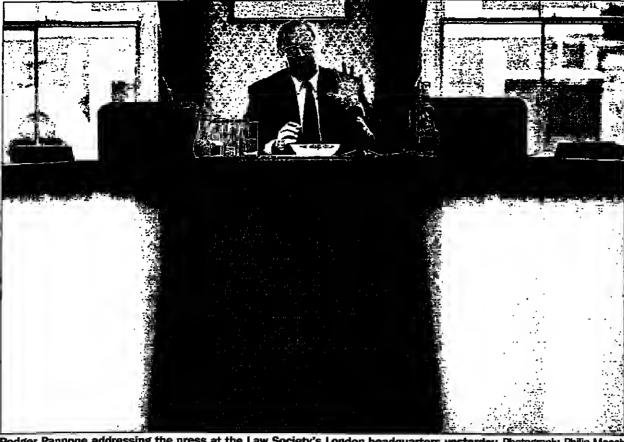
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PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Criticisms of the beleaguered Law Society President Martin Mears reached new beights vesterday when a high-profile former leader branded him and his deputy Robert Sayer unsuitable to lead the profession and accused them of doing it positive harm.

The onslaught from Rodger Pannone, a leading personal injury lawyer who was president two years ago, comes three weeks before elections to the top jobs in the society, which regulates the country's 70.000 solicitors. It ranks as the most outspoken contribution vet to the factional war sparked by Mr Mears's clection last July. Mr Mears, however, dismissed the attack as "nothing new".

Mr Pannone told a press conference that Mr Mears should not be "rubbished" for having shaken up the existing structure. But in a statement, Mr Pannine said: "I have heen reluctant to voice criticisms publicly... The current president of the Law Society. Mr Mears, and his vice-president Mr Sav-



Rodger Pannone addressing the press at the Law Society's London headquarters yesterday Photograph: Philip Meech

er have not been so constrained. Their public statements and desire to stay in office have resulted in a political regime which is unedifying and which could well debase the good name of the Law Society.

"Through lack of meaningful dialogue, the Law Society has

for the past 10 months begun to lose the respect of the decisionmakers and npinion-formers in government, the political parties, the judiciary, the Bar and the wider national and international legal and commercial communities

Mr Pannane said his efforts

tn explain the reasons for his opposition had been met with personal vilification from sources close to the president". Outsiders viewed the activities nf the Law Society as a "humourless farce", he added.

Mr Mears said yesterday: "This sort of cry nf pain and in-

dignation we have been hearing from nur apponents since the beginning. There's nothing oew here. I am subjected to this unremitting campaign of vilifica-tion and disinformation, yet when I go round local law societies I am well, and enthusiastically, received."

# Tory divorce Bill\* left in 'a mess'

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

The Government last night launched a concerted lobbying campaign to avert a Commons defeat no the Family Law Bill after the Law Society withdrew its support.

The society's family law com-mittee, which represents thousands of divorce lawyers, said the Bill's tortuous Commons stages had rendered it "a mess creating more problems than it solves.

The move will make it easier for Labour, whose legal af-fairs spakesman Paul Boateng has already threatened to with draw his party's backing, to instruct its MPs to vote against or abstain on the controversial measure when it reaches its Commons Third Reading next

Hilary Siddle, chairman of the society's family law com-mittee said: "The Law Society supported the Bill's nriginal principles, but changes to it have destroyed any consistent policy nbiectives

Jnnathan Evans, the Lord Chancellor's Department minister in charge of the Bill, last

night wrote in MPs in all par-ties urging them to back the Bill. saying: "The curreot system of divorce lacks support on all sides of the House. It permits 'quickic' divorces in as little as three months on the basis of spurious allegations, without the couple having to give thought to the consequences of their actions. The Family Law Bill heralds the

sensical system. Changes during the Committee Stage had strengthened the Bill's proposals on sup-porting marriage and protecting those who were most

end of this damaging and non-

vulnerable, Mr Evans insisted. Ministers are equally deter-mined in maximise potential embarrassment for Labour if it directs its MPs to withhold support. Some of the changes, such as a 3-mnnth quarantine period to facilitate reconcilation, which legal groups now nbject tn, were made with active Labour support, while ditching the Bill would mean ditching pension splitting, enhanced protections against domestic vio-leoce while keeping the

quickie" divorce system. Mr Evans said: "If the Labour party were to decide to

nothing to do with the Bill and everything to do with party

politics." Labour would almost certainly face a backlash from some of its MPs as well, while the Conservative Family Campaign pointedly reaffirmed its

support for the Bill last night.
Julian Brazier, Conservative MP for Canterbury, the campaign's chairman, attacked the Law Society's decision and said: "I am now firmly behind the Bill It represents an ecormnus improvement."

Thelma Fisher, director of . National Family Mediation, said her organisation also remained committed to the Bill. "NFM considers that there are many aspects of the Bill that will better serve the needs of divorcing parents and, particularly, their children, by removing much of the acrimoney from the divorce process. The Law Society's withdrawal nf support for the Bill is regretted."

But Mr Boateng called the society's decision "a body blow in a battered and beleaguered Bill whose days must now be numbered."

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to Michael's each year, from every level of society. But they are only the tip of the iceherg. Thousands more children are the victims of less obvious forms of cruelty.

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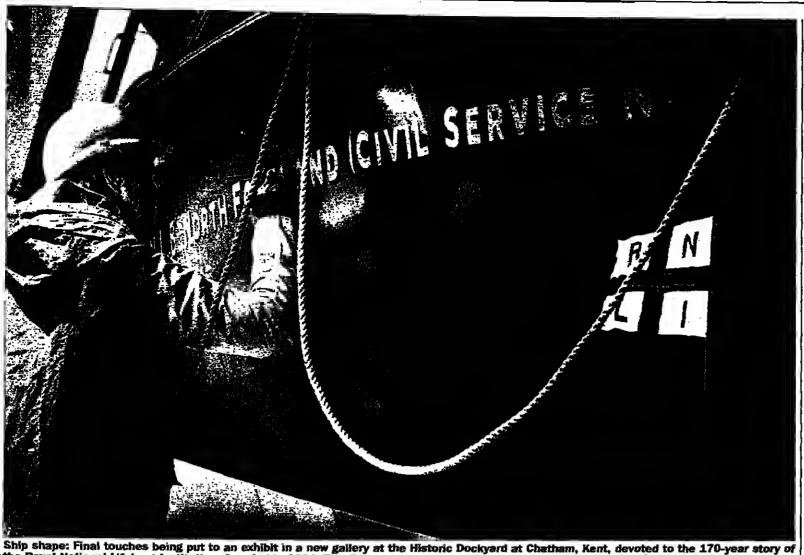
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the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, founded in 1824. The display opens on Saturday Photograph: Tony Buckingham

# Heads quitting profession in record numbers

DOUL HINDUL Education Editor

Record numbers of London bead teachers are leaving the profession early, many of them because of stress, the National Association of Head Teachers

said yesterday. Heads say stress is particu-larly bad in London because of the need to take action against poor teachers and because of increasing threats from violent

They also blame impossible workloads and lack of support from governors and local authorities

Of the 183 London heads retiring this year, 110 are leaving early, 43 for medical reasons, usually related to stress. Nineteen have been forced out and 12 are leaving because they are redundant

Fourteen of those leaving

hecause of ill health are under retiring early, there are two or 50 and only four are over 60. During the last four months.

54 London heads have asked the association for advice about early retirement. Eight of these have had breakdowns. Many have been in post for only a

short period of time. The figures represent a big increase on last year.

Brian Fuller, the association's regional officer, said: Teacher competency is a particular problem. In the Eighties, it was very difficult to recruit anybody in London. A lot of people were appointed who should not have been.

It is down to heads to take disciplinary action. Some authorities don't back beads up in the action . A lot of governors also back down from dismissing teachers after the head has

gone through agony."

More parents, he said, were threatening both teachers and staff and even vandalising their cars. "Since Christmas. I have been getting four or five calls n week from heads who want to get ont of the profession."

The association said spending cuts, changes in legislation, increased public accountability and public criticism after inspection reports bad all increased heads' load. The figures

three just waiting to reach 50 years of age in order to go."

Applications for London headships are declining fast. A study by Oxford Brookes University earlier this year showed that nearly 40 per cent of inner London headships were readvertised. Deputy heads are

reluctant to apply for headships.
One inner London secondary school appointed a head after four attempts but the head left after 12 months. A grant-maintained secondary school attracted only three applications. Even a large primary school in an affluent part of London had just six applications. David Hart, the association's

general secretary, said; "London schools can ill-afford to lose such a quantity of experienced talent. City schools often provide for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils in the country. They desperately need stability and continuity.

"New ways must be found to encourage able, experienced heads and deputies to work and stay in city schools, otherwise this haemorrhaging of takent will set back efforts to raise standards in the schools of the capital city."

Mr Fuller said that the cost of housing in London made it were simply the tip of the ice-berg, it added: "For every head side the city to move into it difficult for teachers from out-

## 'I was a teacher not a manager'

**GOUL HIJOUL** 

At the age of 50 Bob Dacey retired from his job as head of an inner-London primary school, after a breakdown caused by the stresses of his job. After more than 10 years as

a bead in Sonthwark he ebose to leave a profession he loved. weighed down, he says, by the administrative burdens placed on heads by the Government's

Even before the 1988 Reform Act introduced devolved budgets for schools, Southwark schools had more than their share of difficulties.

Mr Dacey's sebool was a tough one. Out of 300 children, 30 were on the at-risk register and 23 languages were spoken.
Once schools had to run

their own budgets and the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) was dismantled, beads' burdens increased. Some of Mr Dacey's gover-

nors had little management experience, and in some weeks he spent more time explaining school policy to them than he did with his pupils.

Mr Dacey, who retired last summer, said: "When I was appointed a bead in 1984, I enjoyed it. I was with the children a great deal and my main remit was ensuring the quality "Then ILEA went and I was

taken over by Southwark, which had not run an education department. Budgets were devolved and virtually total responsibility for everything within school and the school grounds. I taught maths so the finances didn't present a problem bul I was a leacher, not a manager. It wasn't something I had been appointed for, trained for, or had much aptitude for."

Money became tighter. Class sizes rose and funds for support staff were short. The combination of his old duties with his new ones eventually proved too much for him.

"I was unable to sleep. I wa carrying round this terrible feeling of apprehension and anxiety. I couldn't concentrate. I was mentally and physically

### Dublin owns up over bungled extradition case

The Dail had to be adjourned twice yesterday amid uproar af-ter a minister admitted an JRA extradition fiasco blamed on British errors was in fact the re-

sult of blunders by Irish police. The unprecedented climb-down saw ireland's justice minister admit that gardai were to blame all along for bungling the extradition of an IRA bombing suspect last month. At the time. Dublin publicly claimed British authorities were responsible.

Following protracted ques-tioning by an Opposition TD, the minister, Nora Owen, conceded in a written reply that the original British application for the extradition of Anthony Duncan, 27, wanted for questioning in connection with Semlex bombs in Brighton and Bognor Regis in 1994, was mislaid during photocopying by gardai.

The disclosure led to angry

scenes in the Dail, which had to be adjourned twice by the Ceann Comhairle (Speaker) as Opposition parties demanded an immediate emergency debate. The Taoiseach, John Bruton, was only willing to agree to a debate next week.

It was suggested yesterday that the error over the warrant was not spotted because of the quality of the photocopies. In Duhlin district court on 13 April, Irish state counsel indi-

been "fundamentally flawed The embarrassment has increased pressure on the emhattled Mrs Owen, whose term of office has coincided with a series of garda failures.

These have included the failure to stop a multi-million pound security depot robbery carried out after weeks of surveillance was abandoned; the overlooking by detectives at the scene of the crime of a murder weapon used to kill a five year-old; and the disappearance of the corpse of a murdered man in Cork City from under detectives' noses. In addition, the minister has been unable to scitle a hitter feud between rival garda representative bodies following a split.

Following vesterday's disclo sure, Progressive Democrat TD Liz O'Donnell elaimed that "highly placed [Irish] govern-ment sources misled the public and the media when they pointed the finger of blame at the UK authorities". And she asked: "Was the minister being being kept in the dark, or was the Department of Justice keeping the Dail in the dark?"

Pointing out that the earlier Irish accusations had prompted calls for the resignation of the British Attorney General, Ms O'Donnell went on to ask whether anyone in Ireland will accept responsibility for this comedy of errors, compounded by a misleading accu-



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NHS reform: Unions furious at call for 'generic' workforce to be trained in everything from ward cleaning to bottom wiping

# lleaners become carers in brave new world

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

A revolution in the NHS workforce was called for yesterday which within a decade will see 40 per cent of the nursing and therapist workforce turned into multi-skilled "generic carers".

Staff will be trained but not professionally qualified, providing everything from ward cleaning and maintenance to bottom wiping, physiotherapy, ECGs and simple X-rays.

The change – which is likely also to hit the private sector – is needed to produce the huge increase in productivity neccessary for the NHS survive and to cope with mounting shortages of doctors, nurses and profes-sional and technical staff, a report from Manchester University's Health Services Management unit said.

The report, launched by the National Association of Health Authorities and produced with the support of the NHS Trust Federation, was greeted with horror by the nursing unions. Christine Hancock, the general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing accusing it of being "out of touch with reality" and warning it could "destroy nurs-

ing".
"To suggest that 40 per cent
of the 'generic' carers responsible for hands on patient care will be support workers will shock patients and nurses. It flies in the face of the available research about what is best for patients," she said. The proposals had little to do with helping patients "and everything to do with cost cutting".

The report's authors, however, argued the changes were already happening. Far from endangering patients they could improve care, provide more joh security, produce new re-cruits for nursing and medicine and release doctors, nurses and therapists for the tasks which really require their skills. Over the past decade, the proportion of qualified staff in

Clean start: Shortfalls in specialist staff must be countered by training more staff in more skills, says a new report There is a "nightmare" over re-cruiting theatre, intensive care and other specialist nurses and the NHS has risen, the report says. But there are major short-falls of doctors in prospect. difficulties in recruiting occupational and other therapists.

At present, jobs with over-lapping skills are divided up "inflexibly", Professor Michael Schofield of the Manchester unit said, with individuals

"entering a particular profes-sional box" at age 18 in which they are then stuck for life.
"Multi-skilling" would train support workers in particular

occupational skills centred round the patient's needs rather than professional divisions. Ambulance personnel already show that workers can

be trained to be skilled paramedics, and work such as taking blood could be transferred to support workers. That in turn

Photograph: Philip Meech

from bathing and toileting patients, most physiotherapy, admitting and discharging within guidelines, providing discharge and transfer letters, undertaking some pathology tests, and simpler X-rays.

MSF, which represents a

The range of skills support workers could cover by 2005

include ward housekeeping and cleaning, core nursing such as

range of qualified health care staff, said the change involved "a replacement of skilled with unskilled staff on an unprecedulated staff on an unprecedulated staff on an unprecedulated staff on an unprecedulated staff or a report's call dented scale". The report's call for trusts to use local pay to help bring about the changes was also highly provocative.

However, the UKCC which oversees murse training, said the report was "timely" and "an interesting contribution to an important debate". Any changes must be in the best interests of patient care", Sue Norman, its chief executive said. ☐ The Future Healthcare Work-

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'Health care is changing and we \* must respond'

Kingston NHS Trust in Surrey has already taken the first steps towards the new support worker - employing dozens of "team assistants" in its 140-bed medical unit.

The change has involved not just substituting the skills of nurses for trained-up cleaners, porters and maintenance staff, but a wholesale switch to what Susan Legg, the trust's director of nursing, calls "patient-fo-cused care". The unit has its own X-ray

and pathology on site. Qualified nurses lead the teams with assistants already undertaking tasks from traditional cleaning and portering, to maintenance, toileting and bathing patients, belping them with mobility using exercises prescribed by physlotherapists, taking blood for tests and undertaking other care traditionally provided by professional staff. A radiographer has been trained to assist doctors with endoscopies - the use of fibre-optic cameras inside the body - a task usually done by technicians or nurses. Nurses now insert the cannulas for

But they too are trained to help The idea that this endangers

One trust already has mixed tasks for staff, reports Nicholas Timmins

patients and risks infection is dismissed by Miss Legg. "In the past we have had nurses empty bed pans and then change dressings," she says. "There is no difference between that and cleaning a toilet. It is about proper infection control and we train people in that."

Team assistants may be cheaper to employ than fully qualified nurses, but Ms Legg insists the exercise is "driven by quality of care" - based on patient needs and "competence-based training". Growing numbers of services are delivered without the patient having to travel round the hospital. Time spent in meetings, on paperwork and in waiting for qualified staff is reduced. It no longer takes five forms to get a light bulb changed.

The NHS, Ms Legg added, has never had all qualified staff. drips and can re-site them withont calling junior doctors out.

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#### 'Whisper concrete' cuts roar of traffic

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

People living near major roads may get some relief from the noise thanks to a Government decision that road huilders should be encouraged use 'whisper concrete".

The Highways Agency, the Government agency responsible for building and maintaining Britain's major roads, has approved the use of the less noisy road surface

Contractors will be available to include whisper concrete as an option for all roads where concrete is technically suitable but it will be up to contractors, rather than the Highways Agency, to select the specifica-tion.

However, the cost of the concrete is about 10 per cent higher than conventional surfaces and this may deter some contractors. The Agency will, however, make whisper than or using which results new surface to be just a older types

concrete mandatory for roads carrying 75,000 vehicles or more per day, and for those in noisesensitive areas.

The new type of concrete has been tested on two roads, the M18 in Yorkshire and the A50 in Derbyshire and the Agency found that no additional maintenance costs resulted from its use, despite the harsh winter conditions earlier this year. On average, noise levels are about two decibels lower for light vehicles and one for heavy

vehicles. While this does not sound much, a drop of three decibels in the average noise would be equivalent to halving the traffic flow. Whisper concrete differs

from conventional concrete surface in that some of the aggregate is left exposed, rather than brushed into grooves. which results in less noise. The new surface has been shown to be just as skid resistant as

#### DAILY POEM

#### In the Peloponnese

By NS Thompson

No sickles honed cut terraces of corn; Only her own thin blade shaves grass to feed The hunched, hutched row of glossy rabbits fed Up for the welcome and the hoped return.

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Keeps her preserved above an ageless bay Where pulling oars once swept out, dressed for war: Mikis is doctor. Costas now has store ... She pulls up threads and starts again each day.

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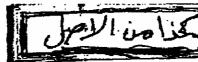


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## Ramblers rejoice as high road is declared off-limits

#### RICHARD SMITH

Welsh ramblers and farmers are celebrating victory after halting in its tracks one of the curses of the countryside: the four-wheel drive vehicle.

When motorists began using the windswept Golden Road along the ridgeway over the Preseli mountains in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park it provoked a confrontation with walkers, farmers and ar-

The four-wheel drive enthusiasts argued that they were entitled to use the route as it had been a highway since Roman imes. Opponents countered that it was nothing more than a bridleway and said its claim to being a Roman road was based on an 18th century forgery. Now the Secretary of State

for Wales, William Hague, has upheld a public inquiry decision which makes it illegal for vehi-cles to use the nine-mile trail.

The route has been used for more than 4,000 years, but protesters claim the recent arrival

of recreational off-road drivers dreamt up by an 18th century have churned up the ground and caused serious crosion in a sensitive area, which was the source of the blue-spotted dolomite rock used to build Stonebenge.

The remains of lmn-Age forts and neolithic burial chambers have also been found in the area, which is a site of special scientific interest because of a colony of southern damsel flies which live in the wet upland peatlands and beather.

War between the off-roaders and the ramblers' faction was declared in 1991 after Dyfed County Council reclassified the track as a bridleway instead of a road used as a public path. The off-roaders found that the route was clearly marked as a Roman road on the first oneinch Ordnance Survey map of the area produced in the 1830s. and used it as evidence at the

subsequent public inquiry. The inquiry found against them, however, after research by the ramblers proved that the Golden Road's lioks with Ro-

historian - and then turned into legend by the Victorian antiquarian, Sir Richard Fenton, who was anxious to glamorise Pembrokeshire's past.

Peter Harwood, vice chairman nf the Welsh Rambiers Association, said: "We are absolutely over the moon ... These vehicles were leaving ruts two feet deep and once the fragile topsoil is broken next time it rains you get ter-

rific crosion of the undersoil. The sudden appearance of three or four of these vehicles crashing and banging and slithering around has made quiet enjoyment of this wonderful place well nigh impossible at times.

Heather James, of the Dyfed Archaeological Trust, added: This is a spectacularly beamiful and very special place which needs protecting. It's not just a few monuments, there are whole relic landscapes going back to the fourth millennium BC."

National Park officials will erect warning notices this weektrols to enforce the vehicle ban.

# Race bias fear over privatised rail firms

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Black and Asian railway workers could face increased discrimination because of the privatisation of their industry, according to the Commission for Racial Equality.

Commission leaders yesterday declared that equal oppor-tunities policies could be the first victim of the break-up of British Rail. Sue Scott, senior executive officer, said the fight for racial justice would be numerous companies to deal with rather than one centralised structure.

Bob Purkiss, TUC representative on the commission, said: "If an organisation becomes cash-driven one of the first things to go out of the window is equal opportunities and ethnic monitoring."

Senior representatives of the commission were speaking at the launch of a report on the selection of train drivers which urged employers in all industries to check recruitment procedures, including the allegedly scientific psychometric tests, to ensure that members of ethnic minorities were not suffering from indirect discrimination.

The study, A Fair Test? Selecting Train Drivers at British Rail, followed complaints of discrimination by eight Asian guards at Paddington who were refused jobs as drivers.

The report found that selection procedures were biased against members of ethnic minorities, especially Asians. The document bad allegedly been the subject of a "gagging order" from British Rail, according to

Steve Blinkhorn, its author. Mr Blinkhorn, a consultant psychologist, said it bad taken five years for BR to agree to release his findings. He bad found that selection procedures were seriously flawed. "If I designed a system to discriminate against Asians, I could not bave done it better," be said. The report

found that many of the criteria used to choose drivers were irrelevant to the job. Employees found that if their first language was not English they were disadvantaged by the test.

Mr Blinkhorn said BR assumed the test was able to examine whether potential drivers were "safe" or not. However, he said the procedures were found to be inadequate.

His assertions were rejected by Steve Fletcher, of BR's privatised psychology unit. He said the procedures were able to discover whether or not a potential recruit would operate trains safely. Dr Fletcher point-ed out that the unit's business had burgeoned under the new privatised regime and that much of its activity was involved with equal opportunities. The new businesses were concerned to ensure that such policies were maintained.

Mr Purkiss said the CRE wanted to be sure that employers got the best people for the job and that selection was oot based on "prejudice, presumptions and irrelevant tests". He said black people were still twice as likely to be unemployed and suffer from institutional prejudice.

Lew Adams, general secre-tary of the train drivers' union Aslef, said that his organisation employed an equal opportuni-ties official who was vigilant over the selection of women and members of ethnic minorities to driving jobs. "As a union we are absolutely opposed to racial discrimination and harassment

in any form," be said. Gareth Hadley, BR's employee relations director, said that carefully-devised tests could reduce the potential for discrimination by eliminating subjectivity, but they had to be properly validated and carefully applied to minimise risks of unfairness. The lessons learnt in selection processes have been applied throughout the rail industry as part of the initiatives promoting

equality of opportunities."

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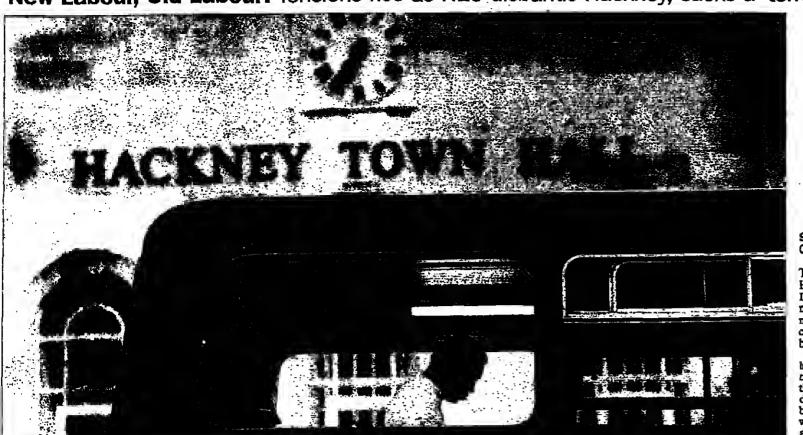
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New Labour, Old Labour: Tensions rise as NEC disbands Hackney, sacks a 'terrorist' candidate and hears of Blair 'favouritism'



Hackney: The NEC has spent months investigating the ruling Labour group over allegations of dirty tricks and vote-rigging Photograph: Philip Meech

# Councillors face re-affirming the party rules

STEVE BOGGAN Chief Reporter

The ruling Labour Group on Hackney Council in north-east London was disbanded by the national party yesterday in a move likely to result in further chaos within Britain's poorest borough.

Thirty-nine Labour councilinrs were told by the party's National Executive Committee that they would have to sign special declarations before they would be allowed to re-join. There, were indications last might that around half would rather be expelled than toe a party line they consider unacceptable.

A proposal to disband the group was passed "on the nod" following a spirit last week when 17 out of 36 voting Labour councillors teamed up with Conservative and Liberal Democrats to vote down the party's official candidate for mayor.

It was the last straw for the NEC, which has spent months investigating the group over allegations of dirty tricks, voterigging and the disputed formation of an unofficial caucus called the Manifesto Group.

Richard Burningham, Labour's general secretary for Greater London, said the group would be disbanded rather than suspended and would be invited to re-join next week when members would be presented with a declaration re-affirming the party's rules and standing orders.

"If anyone refuses to sign, then they are out, expelled," he said. That could leave the way open for a hung councillors believe the national Labour party would welcome. Taking Hackney out of its control would remove a major embarrassment.

The group will be re-formed around four officers: Nick Tallentire, the Council Leader, Julie Grimhle, the group's secretary, Bill Leadbitter, its chair-

man, and Peter Kenyoo, the

Mr Burningham confirmed the declaration to abide by party rules would also include points specific to Hackney, points that many of those disbanded may find unpalatable.

"Some draft standing orders have been proposed by Peter Kenyon which included the Labour Party model and some other conditions he considered desirable," said David Phillips, one of the rebels who has been earmarked separately for suspension by the NEC.
"We have said we would want

"We have said we would want a collegiste debate over whether or not they are reasonable. However, if they are simply going to be imposed as a condition of rejoining, then I think the majority of the group will find that very difficult to stomach."

He said expelled councillors had no intention of forming an opposition group and he described the Manifesto Group as "a myth".

Mr Burningham said there was no question of the declaration being drawn up only by Mr Kenyon.

Mr Renyon.

Mr Tallentire said the NEC's decision vindicated his actions over recent months in his dispute with his fallow councillors.

# Blair accused of plot to impose candidates

JOHN RENTOUL
Political Correspondent

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was accused yesterday of betraying his commitment to "one member, one vote" democracy in the party by planning to impose his favoured candidates in a oumber of safe seats.

Activists in the 14 safe Labour seats which have not yet chosen candidates fear that the decision by the National Executive Committee (NEC) yesterday to impose a candidate in the new safe seat of Swindon North heralds a series of cootral decisions.

ral decisions.

The NEC rejected demands to re-run the ballot, despite court action by Jim D'Avila, an engineering union convenor who alleged irregularities, and chose Michael Wills, an adviser to Gordon Brown, the sbadow Chancellor, who won the initial ballot last September.

Activists fear that Mr Blair is

deliberately delaying selections in safe Labour seats in order to invoke powers to suspend membership hallots and appoint candidates on the grounds that a general election is imminent. David Hill, the party's chief spokesman, said that such fears

David Hill, the party's chief spokesman, said that such fears were unjustified, and that the NEC had declared yesterday that it should "err on the side of halloting local members wherever possible". It had decided that the "internal bitterness and politics" of the

Swindon North party made a fair re-run ballot impossible. He pointed out that the NEC had taken a different stance ves-

had taken a different stance yesterday in the case of Glasgow Govan, by ordering a fresh ballot for next mooth. Mike Watson, MP for Glasgow Ceotral, woo the ballot by

gow Ceotral, woo the ballot by just one vote from Mohammed Sarwar, who hopes to become Britain's first Asian Muslim MP. But party bosses decided oot to eodorse Mr Watson after a report by the electoral specialists Unity Balloting Services found that some people who voted were ioeligible.

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who voted were ideligible.

Mr Blair is believed to be keen to see as MPs in the next Parliament: Alan Howarth, who defected from the Tories last year; Derek Scott, the Labour leader's economic adviser who failed to be selected for Worcester; and Patricia Hewitt, Neil Kinnock's former press secretary, who played a central policy role in Labour's last election

campaign.

The NEC has the power to intervene in the selection of candidates if it decides that the party needs to be ready for a general election. Mr Hill said that, in the past, the NEC had usually presented its own shortlist to the local party for balloting – the same procedure as for by-elections. However, he conceded that the NEC had the power, as in Swindon North, to set up a sub-committee simply to appoint a candidate.

# Hanging case candidate sacked

JOHN RENTOUL

Labour sacked the party's parliamentary candidate for Exeter yesterday after he failed to fall on his sword as requested over bitter accusations of betrayal in the fight against South African apartheid 30 years ago.

The 19-4 vote by the National Executive Committee, with no

Executive Committee, with no discussion, brought John Lloyd's political career to an abrupt end on the grounds that he had "misled" the party about his role in seeding a colleague to the gallows in 1964.

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Mr Lloyd, 54, a barrister who fought the seat for Labour at the 1992 election, must have thought the memories of his earlier life as a member of the African Resistance Movement (ARM) were laid to rest.

However, he underestimated the determination of relatives and supporters of John Harris, a fellow-member of the ARM, who was hanged in 1964 for planting a bomh at Johannesburg railway station which killed a woman. Harris was convicted on Mr Lloyd's evidence – something for which he has always expressed remorse.

Tom Sawyer, general secretary of the Labour Party, is understood to feel that Mr Lloyd had not told the truth when it emerged that he could have withdrawn his testimony after he fled to Britain, which might conceivably have saved Harris.

The grievances of antiapartheid politics have been replayed in dramatic fashion in the case. Many ARM partisans, including several who served long jail sentences in South Africa in the 1960s, emigrated to Britain.

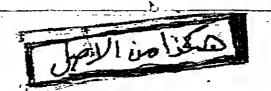
Exeter Labour Party backed Mr Lloyd in his refusal to stand down after being invited to do so by the NEC in March. Local party members protested outside Labour headquarters in Walworth Road, south Loodon, with proclaiming "John Lloyd – Exeter's choice".

The four voting against the decision were Dennis Skinner, the left-wing MP, Margaret Beckett, industry spokeswoman, Vernon Hince, of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union, and John Evens MP

Rail, Maritime and Transport union, and John Evans MP.
A party spokesman said there was no right of appeal and a new candidate would now be selected as quickly as possible.

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# State Sacked prisons chief ning 'presided over waste'

Conservative MPs yesterday sacking of Derek Lewis, the former head of the Prison Service, accusing him of having presided over an "unacceptable" breakdown in financial controls which

led to an overspend last year. Mr Lewis was sacked by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, after an inquiry into prison escapes from White-moor and Parkhurst – although the Home Office in effect accepted he had been wrongfully dismissed when it paid him £220,000 earlier this year.

David Hunt, the former Cabinet minister, seized on the damning findings of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), published yesterday while Mr Lewis was giving evidence to another select committee. Commenting oo the PAC report, prison management in which

ing breaching limits set by Parliament, Mr Hunt accused Mr Lewis of failing to put financial systems in place quickly enough. Mr Lewis replied that when

he took over the service in 1993 "taxpayers' money was being wasted on a gross scale", but that control systems could not be brought in "overnight".

Mr Hunt said: "I am not talking about overnight, but over

Mr Lewis was defended by Jim Cousins, Labour MP for Newcastle Central, who said that, although he had been subjected to the "pressure of relentless ministerial interfer-eoce" from Mr Howard, ministers had taken no interest in financial matters, despite heing warned about "inade-

Asked about the areas of

which detailed an unauthorised surge in Prison Service spend"meddled", Mr Lewis said they ranged from "the form that a search of an individual prison should take ... to matters of the disciplining of individual mem-bers of staff".

Mr Cousins said that Michael Forsyth, then a prisons minister, had been warned in a minute dated October 1994 that "financial controls in some establishments are inadequate".

Mr Lewis, giving evidence to the Public Services Committee on his clash with Mr Howard over the difference between policy - for which ministers are accountable - and operations, was also backed by one of the Tories on the committee, Sir Peter Lloyd, MP for Fareham. Sir Peter said Mr Lewis was the vio-tim of a "surfeit of shock-horror reports" about escapes and the geocral state of prisons.

Mr Lewis told the committee that the chief executives of gov-

ernment agencies should be freed from political interference and made directly accountable to Parliament. He suggested they should be made independent of ministers, on the mod-el of police chief constables. He said that he had been

"constrained" by the rules gov-erning civil servants when he gave evidence to MPs immediately after the Parkhurst breakout, which required him to stick to his minister's line.

"Fears that a licence to speak publicly on policy matters would bring destructive and intolera-ble conflict between agency chief executives and their ministers are unfounded," he told the committee.

"It does not happen in the case of the police or the Bank of England and one of the signs of a mature democracy and sound government is that it can survive and thrive on reasoned public debate."



Under fire: The former Prison Service chief Derek Lewis outside the Commons yesterday Photograph: Dillon Bryden

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## Norris tipped to lead Tory election fight

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Steve Norris, the Minister for Transport in London, is being tipped by senior Tory backbench colleagues for a cam-paigning role in the ruo-up to the general electioo. Mr Norris was one of the

"star turns" at a private meet-ing of junior ministers with the Prime Minister at Chequers on Mooday.

John Major used the meeting to sound out opinion among ministers on how the Tories can beat Tony Blair's New Labour. Mr Norris was said by colleagues to have "put into words what we were all thinking", and was being tipped to become a vice-chairman of the party in the summer resbuffle.

Ann Widdecombe, the Minister of State at the Home Office, is also said to have made lar meeting for middle-ranking ministers at Chequers last week. Ministers are expecting the

reshuffle in July to be limited to the lower ranks.

The Prime Minister is being pressed to drop Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, whose divorce law reform Bill is threateoed by Labour and

Tory rebels. Mr Hogg was accused of failing to persuade European ministers to lift the ban oo beef. It was alleged he had refused to go to one European meeting "because he said he

didn't work oo Saturdays".

Mr Major was expected to stand by Mr Hogg, although David Davis was seen as a powerful candidate to replace him. Mr Davis, the Foreign Office minister, was responsible for sounding out Cabinet ministers on the options for retaliatory action over the ban on beef

The Prime Minister's announcement of non-cooperation until the ban is lifted was widely seen by Tory MPs as a watershed for the Conservative Party, which lifted their chances of winning the election. Mr Norris, a junior Transport minister, is the only minister in Mr Major's government to have survived in office in spite of allegations of affairs. He has announced his intention to stand down at the next election from his Epping Forest constituency.

He has a reputation for being frank. On the day of the leadership election last July Mr Norris said many MPs saw Mr Major as the "least worst op-tioo". He is seen as a hard-hit-ting minister who could sharpen up the presentation of the Government's record, and help to lead the attack oo Labour.



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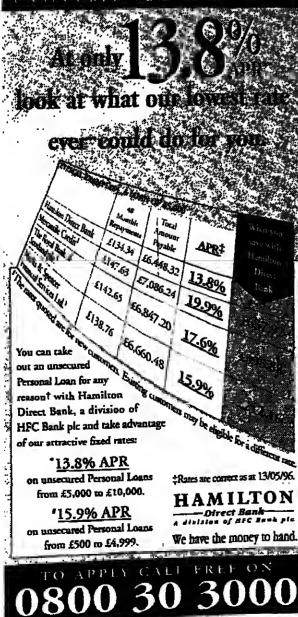


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Literary award: David Malouf wins first presentation of £103,000 laurel for work of fiction with tale of Aboriginal culture

# Aboriginal tale wins top book prize

ALAN MURDOCH Dublm

The inaugural award of the world's most valuable book prize went last night to a novel about a boy forced to adapt to life with a white family after spending 16 years in the care of Aborigines.

The Australian novelist David Malouf won £103,000 for Remembering Babylon at the Impac international literary prize ceremony, which took place at Dublin Castle.

As well as being the world's largest prize for a single work of fiction, the Impac breaks new ground in its selection process: the winner was chosen from nominations sent in by municipal libraries around the world.

Malouf, 62, born in Bris-bane to Lebanese and English parents, is a former English lecturer at Queensland Universiy, Since 1978 he has been a full-time writer: previous novels include Johnno. An Imaginary Life, Harland's Half Acre and The Great Birds, which won

Prize and the Prix Femina

In the 1980s he bought a house in Tuscany, and now divides his time between Sydney and Italy. In 1988 he won Australia's premier literary award, the Pascal Prize. He was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1993 for Remembering Bahylon.

The novel is the story of Gemmy Fairley, who, after 16 years living with Aborigines, is taken in as a frightened and barely human youngster by a family in a 19th century Queensland Settlement of Scots emigrants. Combining myth and a poetic narrative style, it explores the experience of two alien cultures forced to share

the same land. The Impac award is open to novels published in English be-tween 1992 and 1994, or those in English translation which were first published in their original language from 1990. In all, 125 books were nominated by 108 municipal libraries in 108 countries.

The other shortlisted books were Ghosts by John Banville; A Way in the World by VS Naipaul, The Following Story by Cees Nooteboom: The Laws by Connic Palmen; The Gospel According to Jesus Christ by Jose Saramango; and Away by

Jane Urquhari.

Malouf who was in Damascus yesterday, will receive his prize at a dinner at Trinity College, Duhlin, on 15 June - the eve of the city's annual celebration of James Joyce's Ulysses. His latest novel, Conversations at Carlow Creek, is published in September.

Eric Lomax won the £25,000 NCR Book Award for non-fiction last night for The Railway Man, his account of his experiences as a prisoner of war in Malaya during the Second World War, Lomax, 77, never recovered from the torture he endured at the hands of the Malayans. His book details his journey back to the scenes of his suffering and the redemptive quality of a meeting with one of his captors 40 years later.



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## Outsiders go to war with the cultural elite

SHUMA RAHA

A cultural divide split old from new in the art world yesterday as the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London lobbied visitors to the Degas exhibition at the National Gallery, exhorting them to "come and see living art at the ICA".

The institute employed sandwich-board protesters to lobby the queues outside the Degas exhibition with the message: You're Discovered".

Katie Sender, deputy director of the ICA, said last night: "We are very serious about this. We find it very hard to get onsorsnip for co arts because we can't always tell the sponsors what is going to appear on the walls, and because what we do is controversial.

"The National Gallery and the Tate have the weight of the establishment behind them. They can command the establishment to come through their British art," according to Ji-

"As far as our public funding goes we get £750,000 a year and the South Bank Centre gets £12m a year." Ms Sender added that one reason for this was "a lack of understanding of the work we do". The ICA did not seek per-

mission from the National Gallery to send people on to their premises to woo visitors away, hut a National Gallery spokeswoman said: "We wouldn't have any comment on what they do in a public

harassed li would be inappropriate for us to comment. An altogether different cul-tural divide, between East and

West, will be hridged today as the Festival of India's South, a celebration of the culture of southern India, starts with a four-day street extravaganza in Covent Garden. The festival, to be held at various venues in London until the end of June, showcases the region's music. dance, drama, films, food and

paintings and includes performances by some of its best-known artistes. Asians in general and Indians in particular welcome the fesethnic art on the man. But Ihere were claims that British Asians found such cultural events in this country too elhnocentric. However, "most Asians would respond much more to what's on offer in a festival like this one rather than to tender Verma, artistic director of Tara Arts, Britain's leading

Asian touring theatre company. "There are a number of Asian arts activities throughout the country," he said. "But the general perception is that they are of minority interest. So leaving aside the Sahnan Rushdies and the Hanif Kureshis, the mainstream tends to Ignore them.'

Suman Bhuchar, an Indian journalist and television producer, said: "Though there are a fair amount of performances here ... Asian ari does not get the kind of promotion ... and tomers complain they are being serions analysis it deserves."

## Musicians rock against rave drug

DAVID LISTER

record companies is to release an album of music intended to wean British youngslers off drugs. The head of MCA Records in London, Nick Phillips, says he now sees it as a duty of the music industry to fight the drug problem.

It signals a dramatic change of attitude not just in the industry but also in the record company MCA, whose roster of artists includes acts with notably extravagant lifestyles – Guns N Roses, Nirvana, Aerosmith and Courtney Love. The alhum, Le Voyage, by the

contemporary Italian composer Gigi D'Agostino consists of melodic tunes which contain slower drum heats than rave or techno music. The theory - actually promulgated by the Italian government as well as musicians - is that this means no drugs are required for clubbers to keep pace with the beat of the music. Italian health minister Elio

Guzzandi said it was "helping to stop the slaughter after clubhing, of young women and men

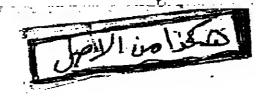
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After mixing alcohol and drugs the youth feel great - they get in their cars and drive at high speeds not fully conscious. Fifteen young people died at the weekend, a new slaughter after Lifetime

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clubbing."
Peter Pritchard, head of Mcdia records UK, the dance music specialist subsidiary of MCA. who persuaded the parent company to take up the campaign, commented: "In Italy this Mediterranean progressive music represented the beginning of a sca-change away from fast house music and the E Jecstasy] culture it represented, to a slower calmer form of instrumental house that has turned its back on drugs, and endeavours to find a natural high from the music." Steve Wolfe, director of

artists and repertoire at MCA. said: "There has been high-profile moral panic about drug ahuse, particularly ecstasy abuse, within teen-club cultur in the UK. Mediterranean Progressive altempts to move the focus back to the music. It's a 'less drugs, more music' message which can only be a good thing."



#### 'Weimar Triangle' takes shape for power France, Germany and Poland are forming a new axis in Europe, writes Sarah Helm Brussels — Has anybody heard

of the Weimar Triangle? "Is it something like the Bermuda Triangle?" asked one British diplo-mat. "I know. II's an ancient musical instrument written into the score of Beethoven's fifth." teased another.

In King Charles Street they may scoff. But while they do, the Weimar Triangle, Europe's newest power hloc, is beeling up itself - and, once again, Britain is being left out.

In the town of Weimar in 1991 the foreign ministers of Germany, France and Poland gathered to inaugurate a new alliance. Their meeting went al-most unnoticed by the rest of Europe, but the foreign ministers of the three have continued to meet annually to devise "a common security concept".

This autumn they are to hold

a summit in Poland, meeting, for the first time, at the level of heads of government. On the agenda will be security issues in-cluding joint military manoeu-vres and combating organised

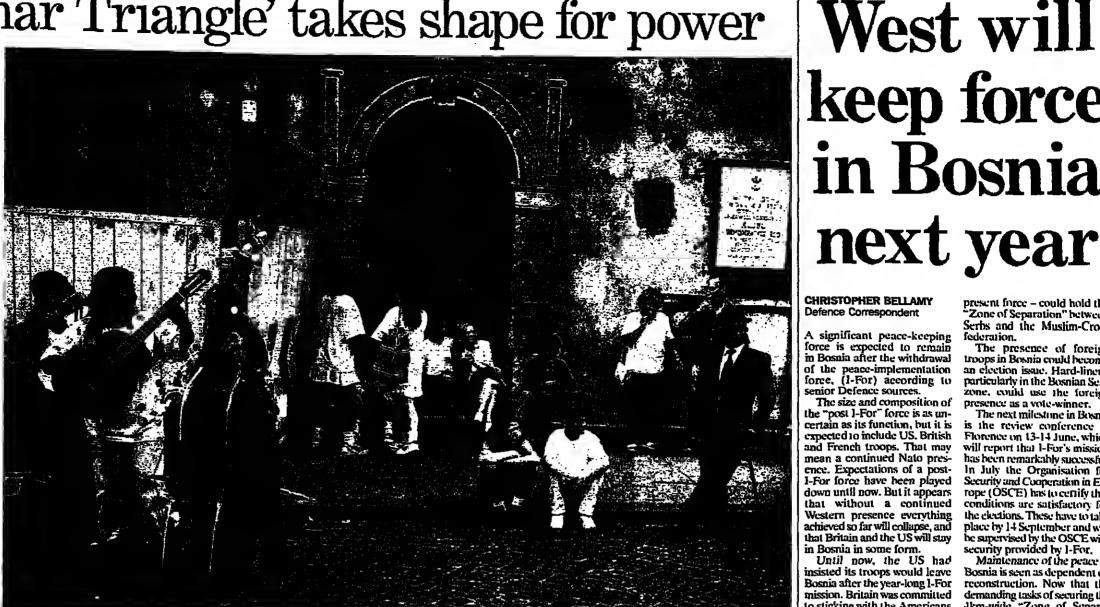
Leading figures in Poland see the alliance as a potential new hard-core for an enlarged Europe, and are keen to promote the influence of the triangle as a means of revitalising European integration. The idea of the triangle - or "axis" as it would more correctly be termed - was dreamt up originally by Hans Dietrich Genscher, the former German foreign minister. The intention, it seems, was to huld on the model of Franco-German axis, which had developed as a model of post-war

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reconciliation. For Germany, the symbolism was clear: in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet Union and German reunification, it suddenly made sense to strengthen ties with Poland. Germany sees clear benefits in exercising influence over Poland which it wants to be among the first to join Nato, becoming a buffer on its eastern horder. German investments in Poland are today worth \$885m, and 5,000 German companies are operating there. France, not wishing to cede influence to Germany in eastern Europe, has been content to go along with the Weimar Triangle plan.



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ular "hard core" will be none

too pleased if the axis shows sign

of growing in influence. Other

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Countries such as Spain and

Italy are certain to be affront-

ed should the Poles assert that

they have more of claim to sit

at the heart of Europe than

Poland has been favoured.

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Power play: Buskers bring a international flavour to Warsaw as Polish leaders looks to gain a foothold in Europe

For Poland the advantages were clear, new ties with Europe's driving duo meant a hig step in from the European periphery towards a taste of power at the centre. It also meant a chance to lobby for early membership of Nato and the European Union,

At a meeting of the Weimar Triangle in France in 1992 Poland won agreement from Germany and France that it should have special association status at the Western European Union, the European arm of Nato. Some figures in Poland today voice grandiose ideas about creating an entire new balance of power in Europe, through which the Weimar Triangle can re-fuel the motor of European integration. "We are not talking about a new architecture for Europe, But the idea is to reinforce a bigger Europe by bringing these three big

powers together as a new column," said Piotr Mowina-Kopka, a leading figure in the

right-wing opposition.

The name given to the al-liance has unfortunate historical connotations, inevitably recalling in most European minds, the Weimar Republic between the wars. According to Krzyztof Skubiszewski, the first Polish foreign minister in the Solidarity government, who attended the founding meeting, the choice of Weimar for the first conference was meant to be

positive symbol. Mr Genscher chose Weimar for the inaugural meeting because it was situated in former East Germany. "I remember the first meeting well. We ate and talked for two days. I don't remember any mention of the fact that this was where the Weimar constitution was adopted, which because of its exceptional provisions provided a basis for Hitler's rise to power," said Mr

single currency."
"Typical Polish dreaming," Skubiszewski, an international lawyer and fellow of All Soul's College, Oxford. "France, Gersaid a Portuguese diplomat. "Why do they think Europe can protect them anyway. Look at our record. They would be betmany and Poland have repeatedly been the area for ter looking to the United European aggression and war. For Poland the Weimar Trian-States.

The British, meanwhile, watch on, bemused. The French they suspect of having ulterior motives. "France must have some other fish to fry," said one diplomat. As for the Poles: They do talk about power in a way that suggests they think they are going to use it. But when you ask what economic resources they have they become a big shifty.

It is "impolite" to ask why the Poles should be so friendly with Germans, say the British, given that the Germans are the first to block Polish products at the they. "It is all verbiage," said one Brussels commentator. "The borders. "Last year the Ger-mans even stopped the import or Britain and France." only hard core in Europe that matters will be those inside the

Photograph: Geraint Lewis

of Polish plastic gnomes because they were inferior to German

plastic gnomes."

Nevertheless, there are signs pique in London that Britain has not been invited to make the Weimar Triangle a square. After all, there are those - even in the government - who know that it makes sense to be inside new European alliances from the start, just in case they lead somewhere. Germany's eastward amhitions are being particularly carefully observed.

The Poles need to be careful about who they upset," said a British official. "It is not just the French and the Germans who are helping them. The British have done a lot for the Poles this century. If you ask anybody who are the most important European actors in Nato and the defence field they would say, France and Britain

keep force in **Bosnia** next year

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

A significant peace-keeping force is expected to remain in Bosnia after the withdrawal of the peace-implementation force, (1-For) according to senior Defence sources.

The size and composition of the "post 1-For" force is as un-certain as its function, but it is expected to include US. British and French troops. That may mean a continued Nato presence. Expectations of a post-I-For force have been played down until pow. But it appears that without a continued Western presence everything achieved so far will collapse, and that Britain and the US will stay in Bosnia in some form.
Until now, the US had

insisted its troops would leave Bosnia after the year-long 1-For mission. Britain was committed to sticking with the Americans under the "one-out-all-out" policy. The US recently said it would delay withdrawal and now appears to have accepted the need for a residual force.

Although 1-For's mission

has gone well, the sources said they were worried there was no sign of reconciliation between the former warring parties. After almost four years of war, that is not surprising, but they said it made a continued military presence advisable. When 1-For arrived in Bosnia

in December, it planned to stay for no more than a year. That would have meant the 60,000-strong force would start withdrawing in September, a bad time, as it would coincide with Bosnia's elections. It is now accepted the withdrawal will not begin until December. Sources yesterday would not

speculate on the size of the follow-on force, although troops in Bosnia believe a force of about 20,000 - one-third of the

present force - could hold the Zone of Separation" between Serbs and the Muslim-Croat

The presence of foreign troops in Bosnia could become an election issue. Hard-liners, particularly in the Bosnian Serb zone, could use the foreign presence as a vote-winner.

The next milestone in Bosnia is the review conference in Florence on 13-14 June, which will report that 1-For's mission has been remarkably successful. In July the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has to certify that conditions are satisfactory for the elections. These have to take place by 14 September and will he supervised by the OSCE with

security provided by 1-For, Maintenance of the peace in Bosnia is seen as dependent on reconstruction. Now that the demanding tasks of securing the 4km-wide "Zone of Separation" is complete, 1-For troops are devoting much of their effort to reconstruction.

The sources ruled out any early action to arrest the indicted war criminals, Radovan Karadzie and Ratko Mladic, saying that the consequences if went wrong, or even it it went right, might be to upset the frage peace, However, diplomatic sources vesterday said there were "definite signs" that Dr Karadzie might give up the leadership in the next day or so.

The Nato Secretary General, Javier Solana, said the redeployment of 1-For troops would make it more difficult for suspected war criminals to move around.

Under the Dayton peace accord, 1-For troops are to apprehend any suspected war criminals they come across, but are not required to seek them out. The Defence sources indicated that policy would not change.

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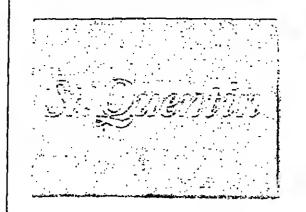
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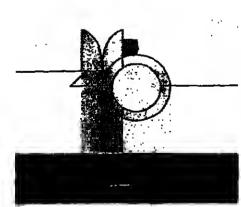
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## international

# Faith survives Stalin's ravages

Moscow River the world's largest Orthodox cathedral, dynamited by Stalin in 1931, has risen from the ashes, or rather the waters of a swimming pool he built on the site. Rebuilding at a phenomenal rate, the restorers have gilded the cupolas, and services will soon be held again in the Cathedral of Christ

In its shadow, on nearby Bolshaya Bronnaya Street, a little peppermint-coloured building has also reverted to the use for Chabad Lubavitch Synagogue may not be as impressive as the cathedral hut, for Jews living in this predominantly Christian country, its restoration is no less of a miracle.

Rahbi Mosbe Hazan was murdered by the secret police on the steps of the synagogue in 1939. They wanted him to say that Soviet culture was sufficient to satisfy the soul," says Rabhi Isaac Kogan, who now leads the community.

"But he would not bow to them. They killed him. And the synagogue was turned into a Soviet culture club. Here in this building they used to plan the May Day demonstrations through Red Square." In 1988, to mark the 1,000th

anniversary of the coming of Christianity to Russia, Mikhail Gorbachev eased the restrictions which the atheist Soviet state had placed on the activities of all religious believers. The Lubavitch community

last Grand Rabbi, Menachem appealed for the return of their synagogue in 1990 and got It Schneerson, who died in Brookback in 1991, since when they

have been restoring it.

Rabhi Kogan takes me on to the women's balcony, from where I can see the men gathering below to celebrate the Sabhath, "The Soviets used this as a theatre," he says, pointing to the temple, beautifully restored with dark wood and stained glass. "And now I must go down and you must stop tak-For the Sun had set on Fri-

day evening. The Sabbath had begun and work must cease. I stand observing the chanting of

Chabad Lubavitch is a Hafrom Levi Levayov, a diamond sidic sect, whose members obmerchant originally from the Central Asian republic of serve strict kosher rules and still arrange marriages. The men are distinctive in their black hats Uzbekistan. They bave penetrated to such an extent that in and long beards and married 20 cities of the former Soviet

lyn in 1994, is the Messiah. are no permanent representa-Of the world's 14 million tives of other sects. The Orthodox synagogue in Moscow operated in Soviet Jews, they are a small minority. But in the former Soviet Union the sect is playing a role out of proportion to its size. times when the Chabad Lubavitch one was still closed. Just as Liberal Jews in the West were Christians made greater or active in trying to help re-fuseniks reach Israel in the smaller compromises with the Communist state, which allowed believers to worship but Communist era. But it is the charismatic Lubavitch, regardnot spread religion through education or works of charity, so ed with a degree of suspicion by secular Jews, who are trying to the Jews either found a modus rebuild religious life for the pervivendi with the authorities or haps 1.5 million Jews left in the became dissidents. old empire after the waves of

"Judaism is very flexible but we could never accept the ban Much of their funding comes on teaching our children He-

hrew," says Rabbi Kogan, who chose the dissident path. Formerly an engineer in the atomic-submarine yards of what was Leningrad, he was denied exit to Israel for 14 years on grounds Union the Lubavitch rabbi is the he knew state secrets. He beonly Jewish presence. Alto-gether, 40 Lubavitch and 40 Orcame an underground community leader, following in the thodox rabbis work here. There footsteps of his grandfather, who in the 1950s died of a heart attack in the custody of the NKVD which had arrested him

for baking matzo. Only in 1986 did Rabbi Kogan reach Israel. A small number of Jewish émigrés have returned to Russia, dissatisfied with life in Israel. Rabbi Kogan came back for different reasons, "Israel is my dream, today more than ever before," he says, "It is a real holy land." But Lubavitch elders had other ideas for his career. First they asked him to return to work with child victims of the Chernobyl nuclear accident. Then he took over at the synagogue, which runs a school and engages in charity. The rabbi shows me lists of Moscow pensioners, not exclusively Jews. who receive food parcels from the synagogue.
The rabbi is clearly loved by

his congregation. "He's so kind. I'm worried stiff about my sister, who lives on the border with Lebanon, and he's promised to take a letter to her when he travels to Israel," says Yevgenia Gutson, an elderly woman who bas only recently begun practising ber religion.

'I was afraid to be an active Jew under Communism," she explains. "I could have lost my teaching job [in a state primary school]. Of course, I never learnt Hebrew. I have to rely on the Russian translations." That fear of the state has gone. Says Rabbi Kogan: "I define anti-Semitism as forbidding a Jew to express himself in a Jewish

more. After decades of spiritual bunger, there is real religious freedom in Russia. Of course. some Jews are still unhappy but if they are leaving now, it is for

economic reasons, He admits, bowever, there have been attacks on the synagogue, including a fire bomb in 1993 which hurnt his bedroom, by "nationalist booligans who are clearly a minority of the population. Freedom is a two-sided coin. If we have freedom, then the hooligans have it too".

Extreme Russian nationalists identify strongly with the Orthodox Church, even if the hierarchy distances itself from them. The rehuilding of Christ The Saviour Cathedral has been controversial, with many Muscovites saying the money would have been better spent on social welfare. Some liberals fear the opening of the cathedral could encourage dark, chau-



Leap of faith: Inside a Moscow synagogue. Jews are freer now but are still wary of Russian nationalism

Photograph: Nikolai Ignatiev/Network

## **Arab-Israelis** hold key to Labour power

PATRICK COCKBURN Umm al Fahm, Israel

In a bouse between two mosques in the Arab hill town of Umm al-Fahm in northern Israel, Jamal, a nurse, is trying to decide bow to vote next week. His decision is of acute interest to the Israeli government which needs the support of the Israeb-

Arabs if it is to stay in power.

Jamal says that in Umm al-Fahm, a town of 30,000 people. there is "still a lot of anger about the Israeli attack on Lebanon. Many people will stay at home."
On the other hand "if people do not go to vote then they will au-



Honoured: Arafat receiving a degree in Greece yesterday

tomatically be helping Bibi Ne-tanyahu [the right wing Likud candidate]."

He thought he would vote for Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, but he was not sure. Events in Lebanon were important but "what we want is equality with the lewish population". Most of the Arabs in Umm al-Fahm are labourers working in Tel Aviv and Jamal wanted a decent hus system, better schools and in-

dustry close to the town. These are the perennial complaints of the 850,000 Israeli-Arabs, but in the last week the government has been listening w them closely. For the first time the Israeli Prime Minister is being elected directly in polls later this month and this has unexpectedly strengthened the leverage of Israeli-Arab voters, whose representatives in the

women wear wigs as a sign of

modesty. They believe their

shunned and marginalised by Is-raeli Jewish parties. At first the ruling Labour par-ty took Israeli-Arabs for granted in the election campaign. The Labour party programme was not even printed in Arabic, though Arabs are 12 per cent of the electorate. Marwan Darwish, a Palestinian political scientist, says this changed after Lebanon. He says: "The Labour party was in an absolute panic. Their ac-tivists went from Galilee to the Negev, giving promises of money for development."

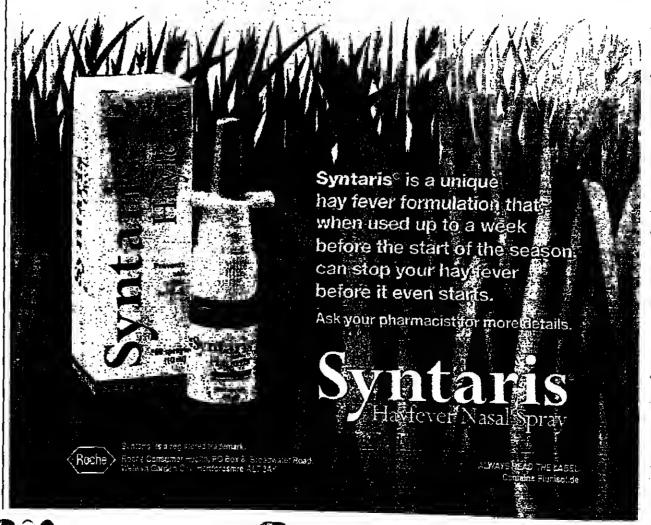
It is a good moment to be a wild card in Israeli politics. Suddenly Israeli-Arabs, Russian immigrants and ultra-orthodox Jews are being wooed as never before. Mr Peres himself was in Umm al-Fahm last night, trying to win last minute votes by pledging to remedy grievances. The polls give him a five per cent lead over Mr Netanyahu but an internal Labour party study has reportedly concluded they are dead even.

Israeli-Arabs are in an ampiguous position. Sympathising with the national demands of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza it is their own interest to insist on equality of political, civil and economic rights with Jewish Israelis. Even Sheikh Nimer Abdullah Darwish, the leader of the Islamic movement, recognised this year that it is unrealistic to stay outside the Israeli political system.

The prime motive of the Islamists to enter the election was to avoid an Israeli crackdown in the wake of the suicide bombings. The deputy mayor of Umm al-Fahm is still under arrest, accused of running a charity which helped the families of Hamas members. At the same time Islamists are distancing themselves further from Yasser Arafat, whose Israeli-Arab adviser, Ahmed Tibi, was forced to withdraw from the election last week for lack of support.

Nobody expected that direct election for the prime minister would benefit the Israeli-Arabs, but it is. In future they will be too important a building block of any Labour hid for the prime min-Knesset (parliament) were ister's office to be disregarded.

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## Germans face new wave of strike disruption

IMRE KARACS

Like punch-drunk boxers after a long fight, union bosses and representatives of the German government squared up yes-terday for the fourth and decisive round of a confrontation that has wrought havoc in the last three days.

In Stuttgart, where leaders of public employees' trade unions sat down with government officials for what promised to be a long night of beer and Bratwarst, 3,000 noisy activists provided the guard of honour.

"Hands off sick pay," their most militant banners implored, shunning the union's forlorn demand for a 4.5 per cent pay rise.

Whether the workers will settle for the nought per cent for the next two years offered by the government will depend on their ability to badger the au-thorities into submission, with the higgest wave of public-sector strikes in four years.

On yesterday's evidence they have a long way to go. Rubhish

rotted in front of houses unafthey can deliver the same degree than 5 million letters were left uncollected as postal workers struck in eight cities. In Hamburg, refuse workers blocked

entrances to the city's port. But in Berlin, a five-hour strike on the city's underground trains and buses failed to bring rush-hour traffic to a halt. Commuters took to the one service running normally, the rickety hut super-efficient S-Bahn run by the national railway company, and were only slight-

delayed. "I was busier than usual, but not as husy as I had expected," complained a Berlin taxi driver.

But the government is aware that these are only "warning strikes". The two sides are at an impasse, and only when talks break down irrevocably can the unions mobilise all their members, as happened in 1992. when public employees stayed at home for 11 days.

Union leaders, on the other

feeted earlier in the week. More of militancy in today's climate of recession. Some 200,000 people have list their jobs in the public sector in the past four years, and another 200,000 will be receiving redundancy notices

between now and 1908. Herbert Mai, leader of the Public Services and Transport Union, OTV, gave little away as he entered the room yesterday, hat his organisation seemed to he back-pedalling. The government's austerin programme is committed to no pay rise for public employees, so the union leaders have banished all numbers from their vocabulary.

Mr Mai has shifted his locus to other elements in the newernment package: a 20-percent cut in seek pay and an extension of working hours.

Currently, public employees work a 38.5-hour week in the west, and 40 hours in castern Germany. The search is on for in fudge that costs the budget nothing, but can be sold to Mr Mai's members as a victory. If

# Australians fight over Queen's role in Olympics

ROBERT MILLIKE

Even before the Atlanta Olympic Games begin in July, Australians have begun to row over the Queen's role when they host the Olympics in Sydney four years later. The question of whether the Queen should or should not open the 2000 Olympics has reignited the country's republic debate after the election two months ago of the anti-republican John The Howard as Prime Minister of the conservative coalition

government. John Coates, president of the Australian Olympic Committee, touched a republican nerve when he said that the Queen should open the Sydney Olympics, according to the Olympic Charter, which states that the head of state of the host country should perform that role. "In my mind that's the Queen, if available," he said.

Republican Australians, a comfortable majority of the voting public, according to opin-ion polls, have condemned such proposal. They want Mr Howard to advise the Queen to forego her constitutional role and allow an Australian public figure, either the Governor-General or the Prime Minister, to do the job.

They say if the Queen attends Australia would lose its dignily and be seen around the world as a British colony on the eve of the centenary of the country's federation in 2001.

Peter Fitzsimons, a leading sports commentator, wrote in the Sydney Morning Herald: Stone the crows and tie our kangaroo down, sport! It's just

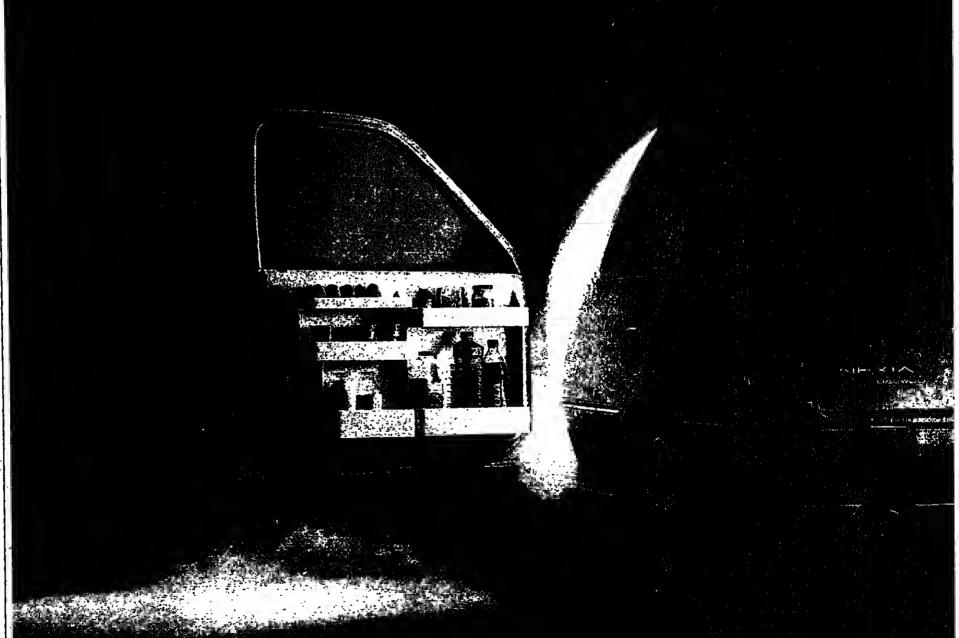
not on ... With due respect to Mr Coates, and indeed to Her Majesty, the thought of her opening our Olympics is simply unthinkable, the most unheard of thing most of us have ever heard of." The same newspaper called for the Olympic rules to be "adjusted in response to a specific local difficulty" if there was no way around having the Queen open the Games.

Rather than snuffing out republicanism, Mr Howard's election victory in March appears to have fulled it into a porary sleep. Mr Howard at first opposed the republican debate which Paul Keating, his Labor Party predecessor, inspired. But he has promised to hold a constitutional convention next year, followed by a popular referendum, if the convention reaches a consensus

on change to a republic. The Duke of Edinburgh opened the last Olympics in Australia, in Melbourne in 1956. The Queen opened those in Montreal in 1976, the last time they were held in a Commonwealth country. It is likely that as the millennium approaches, together with a drumheating of Auatralian nationalism around the 2001 centenary, the Queen may have to contend with popular sentiment that she stay away.

If anything, Mr Keating's departure from politics has helped the republicanism cause. Many of his opponents, who are sympathetic to republicanism. opposed it under Mr Keating because of what they saw as his demagogic style. Mr Howard's convention next year may usher in change sooner than Labor could have managed.

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#### Strasbourg court to rule on names

What's in a name? An awful lot if you ask Frenchman Gérard Guillot, who is the first person to bring a case before the European Court of Human Rights to gain the right to give his daughter the Christian name of his choice.

"It's absurd and intolerable," he said. "My daughter is 13 and for the past 18 years, I have been fighting for her Christian name to be accepted."

Ever since her birth his secand daughter has officially had three dots as a first name. The trouble started a few hours after she was born on 7 April 1983 when he went to register her birth at the local town hall in the chic Parisian suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine.

He had rather unusually decided to call his daughter Fleur de Marie (Flower of Mary) after the heroine of Mystères de thin century writer Eurene Sue. But his suggestion was met with a categorical "non'

from the civic authorities. At that time French law dictated that the only names which

could be given to offspring were those which featured on the calendar of saints or those of characters from ancient history. Thus the likes of Pacôme Médard Thècle or even Nabuchodonosor would have not posed a problem, hut as no Fleur de Marie has ever been canonised, or has participated in the Trojan War, the name was definite no-no. The law changed in January 1993 and French parents can now call their children what they like. However, the registrar still has the right to alert a public prosecutor if he feels the name is

contrary to the child's interest. "The registrar was just being narrow minded," claims Monsieur Guillot: "In thousands of other places Fleur de Marie would have posed no problem." Thus in 1984 he referred the affair to the French high court which refused to allow the use of "dc" and suggested he simply called his daughter Fleur-Marie".

But just as a rose by any other name would not smell as sweet, Fleur-Marie lacks sweetness to Monsieur Guillot's ears. "It no longer has any beauty,

## international

# Kashmiri voters set to 'stay away in anger'

Kokamag, Kashmir

"The militants are pointing a gun at our heads and telling us not to vote or they'll kill us. The Indians are pointing an even bigger gun at our heads and telling us to vote - or else. What do we do?" asked an anguished Kashmiri puliceman in Kokarnag, a village on the edge of the Himalayan forests. "I guess we listen to the man with the big-

This is democracy io India's troubled state of Kashmir, where Muslim separatists have vowed to kill anyone who votes today, and Indian security forces, all 400,000 of them, are using threats and harassment to drive Kashmiris to the polling booth for elections that nobody

A village of pastures and willow trees, Kokarnag has per-haps 2,000 registered voters. Now, Kokarnag has two soldiers for every voter. The Indian authorities insist it takes that much force in keep away the in-surgents, since Kokarnag lies

used by the rebels and is a likely target for election sabotage. But the people of Kokarnag and other villages in southern Kashmir said that the soldiers are there for another reason: to bully them into casting their votes. As one hospital orderly in Kokarnag said: "Yesterday the soldiers came to nur hnuses and took our identification cards. They will use these ID cards to rig the results at the polling stations."
An extra 100,000 soldiers

and police have been sent to the Kashmir valley, according to Kashmir ufficials. Smothered by such firepower, the Muslim militants so far have been unable to carry out their threats. Unable to strike in Kashmir, the insurgents may have fixed their sights instead un the Indian capital. New Delhi. An explosion. helieved to have been from a car bomb, went off in a crowded marketplace on Monday, killing at least 24 people.

A Kashmir separatist group claimed responsibility for the blast, and authorities suspect the same group may have planted close to one of the forest routes a bomb un a tourist coach yes-



Separatist bomb: Police sift through the wreckage of Tuesday's blast in New Delhi in which 14 died Photograph: Reuter

terday that left Agra, site of the Taj Mahal. Police said at least 15 people died and another 30 gers were seriously inured when the coach exploded.

For nearly seven years, Kash-

Himalayan state has remained under New Delhi's direct control without elected represen-tatives. Past attempts to hold mir has been torn apart by a elections were always post-

Muslim separatist revolt. poned; the majority of Kash-Throughout the uprising, the miris are Muslim and their support for the various insurgent groups was too widespread. But with over 20,000 people left dead, and the militant groups split by treachery and

different goals (some want to unite with Pakistan others want independence), the Indian forces have nearly beaten the Kashmiris into submission. It was deemed safe enough to hold elections, and Indian authorities

that once-wayward Kashmiris are now content with Indian

was staging a rally here, many people fled into the fields.

The most notorious renerule. If polling today is fair, insist Kashmiris, nearly all voters will stay away in anger.

The Indians do not care who ans unduly concerned how the 52 candidates running for three partiamentary sears here out and joined a pro-Pakistan inthe voters. Several candidates belong to Kashmir counterinsurgency groups, called "rene-gades" here, which are supported by the Indian army. The renegades' idea of free and fair campaigning is to hold up 15 or so coaches on the highway at gunpoint and force the pasngers to attend their rallies.

Despite such coercion, most Kashmiris run the other way when a candidate comes by. Contesting politicians are likely to arrive in a bullet-proof car accompanied by a motorcade of 20 jeeps stuffed with troops. In Gunderwal, a village by the Sindh river where people pride themselves on their rose gardens, a student said: "When we beard that one of the renegades

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gade, Kukka Parray, is not standing for election himself. Throughout the rise and fall of the Muslim militancy, Parray the Kashmiris vote for as long has undergone startling trans-as they vote. Nor are the Indi-formations. A folk-singer popsurgent group. After a feud, he set up a counter-insurgency group, backed by the Indians, and hunted down his former

Parray has done much dam-age to the Muslim insurgents. Not surprisingly, they want to kill him. Parray's deputy com-mander, Javed Shah, is running as MP for Srinagar, the Kashmir capital, and may win.

Indian authorities seem to forget that the uprising in Kashmir began in 1989 in protest against elections which New Delhi tried to rig. These polls, which most Kashmiris would boycott if they were given the liberty to do so, will only quicken their resentment

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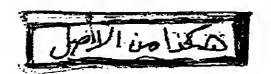
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# ange China takes a dim view of British exports

**TERESA POOLE** 

Asked to name some Britishmade products, Chen Dongming, a researcher at the China Religious Research Institute. pondered for a while. "Scotch whisky and British Airways," he suggested. "British products are not as popular as the Japan-ese or American stuff. But if you ask me about British poets and dramatists, I can name a lot,"

As the Deputy Prime Minis-ter, Michael Heseltine, left Peking for Shanghai yesterday, leading more than 270 British businessmen on the next stage of his trade mission, the consciousness of the ordinary Chinese shopper about British products and companies in Chi-na left some room for im-provement. All the Chinese cyuld name Wall's, whose Cor-icitos bave been selling well for two years. But everyone thought the company was American.

A barber shop owner named Rothmans cigarettes, whisky and Rolls Royce. He added: "On television, in the British films. I saw that the British chinaware is quite beautiful. But there are not many British products in the Chinese market. Maybe that is because British husinessmen are not interested in the Chinese market, or they are not as competitive as the Japanese, American or French

Mr Heseltine, wrapping up the first hectic leg of his mission, would disagree. As he has repeatedly stressed this week, Britain remains by far the higgest European direct investor in China with cumulative investment totalling \$2.2bn (£1.4bn) by the end of last year. Less impressive is the trade performance; in 1995, Britain's trade deficit with China widened as UK exports

slipped 2.4 per cent to £824m. The Chinese market presented "incredible potential" for British businesses, and British companies were well-poised to. Make a fair share of that business,

Mr Heseltine said yesterday, describing China as "an immensely sophisticated country in the development of its policies". The only thing missing in the presentation was anything that resembled a new big contract. The largest signing so far during the mission has been a \$80m pesticides joint venture by

Overall, however, Sino-British relations appeared this week to pass through a staging post. Diplomatic relations between



Heseltine: 'Focus has been on commercial matters'

China and Britain have recovered from disputes over Hong Kong's future," pronounced the official China Daily. And the Chinese Prime Minister, Li Peng, who met Mr Heseltine on Thesday, said bilateral relations were expected to "take a hig step forward", espe-

The question yesterday was, at what price? Mr Heseltine was on the defensive about why such a senior politician was leading a trade mission, and whether it would not be better for him to concentrate on politics, given the seemingly intractable difficulties safeguarding future political freedoms in Hong Kong.

"The idea that you can stand back as a minister in a government and not support your companies would display a degree of naivete which would be absent in every other country in the world," he said. "The dialogue which takes place here

about major contracts takes place with the government of China. The whole machinery about approvals of decision-

making process." Nevertheless, subjects such as buman rights and the disagreements over Hong Kong have so far been given a much lower billing than business, and the Deputy Prime Minister admitted "the major focus has been on commercial matters".

There was a time when any senior foreign government of-ficial visiting China would make a point of stressing bow the question of human rights had been raised with Chinese leaders. Yesterday, Mr Heseltine did not even mention raising human rights issues with Mr Li, despite the violent crackdown on photographs of the Dalai Lama in Tiret. Asked earlier in the week if he would raise Tibet, he said: "I have private conversations with the leaders of the Chinese

government, and I will maintain that confidentiality." British officials were not even allowed to confirm whether or not human rights had been raised in any form with Mr Li.

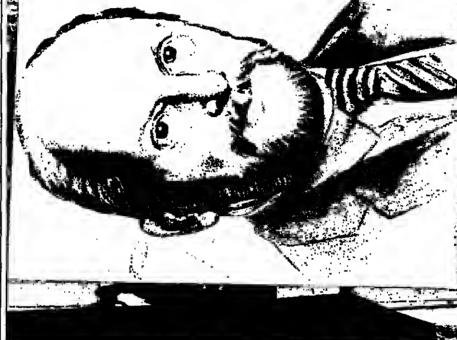
Mr Heseltine was similarly un-forthcoming on discussions about Hong Kong and China's plans to scrap the elected Leg-islative Council (Legco) the moment sovereignty reverts to Chins on 1 July next year. "We have to work to deal with that issue," he said, asked about the unelected provisional Legco which Peking will install instead. There was little talk of

specifics. "Both sides have agreed on the need to strengthen our co-operation over Hong Kong in the remaining year before the transfer of sovcreignty to China," he insisted. Mr Heseltine will meet Pres-

ident Jiang Zemin in Zhuhai at the end of the week, and have a final stop in Hong Kong where 6 million people will be eager to hear if he has wrung concessions out of the mainland government about their political future. England in Peking, page 32

Bulgaria prepares for royalty





A man in Sofia carries a portrait of King Simeon past a wall plastered with welcoming posters. Simeon arrives in the capital on Saturday after 50 years' exile; crowds are expected of people who only know him from photographs and TV images

#### TIRANA NIGHTS

## First Mozart is a tough act for Beggars' opera

One thing about the Tirana
Opera: as cultural experiences go, it is one of the world's able, if largely unnoticed event: great bargains. Tickets for three hours of live music and singing normally cost 50 lek, less than the price of this newspaper and a snip even by Albanian standards; for the same money you could buy just two cups of cof-fee in a pavement cafe.

Then again, it's not Covent Garden. You won't find too many mentions of the Teatri i Operë dhe Baletit Tiranë in Kobbé's guide. Fifty years of isolationism and Stalinist dictatorship did not keep Albania within the fold of mainstream operatic tradition, and until a few years ago you would probably have found nothing but paeans to the Albanian prole-tariat, which only schoolchild-ren and students on compulsory trips would attend.

These days the opera has bags but few resources. The state provides only \$250,000 (£160,000) a year, and artists have to scrape by on salaries no higher than \$90 a month; many have second jobs in Tirana's bars and restaurants, and the most talented take up offers to work abroad. Operatic scores have to be begged, stolen or borrowed from travelling friends, and then photocopied for each member of the cast. Costumes are home-made and sets cohhled together from bits of spare joinery picked up from Tirana's booming construction trade.

The opera house is inside the Palace of Congress, a fine monument to Socialist-Realist architecture on Tirana's main square. But in these consumeristic times it has to share the space with a neon-lit poker sa-

loon and a slot-machine parlour. Despite the adversities, the opera company has worked hard to expand its repertoire, starting with the only two foreign works ever performed under the old system, La Traviata and La Bohème, and slowly adding further popular classics by Rossini, Verdi, Puccini and Bizet, always performed in the original language.

Then, a few nights ago, the opera house staged a remarkthe first production of a Mozart opera on Albanian soil. Inevitably, this was not a regular Don Giovanni. The scene in the cemetery when the statue of the cepts Don Giovannis's dinner invitation was played without the statue; instead, the audience was invited to use its imaginatinn as the singers put on frightcoed expressions and stared

into the middle distance. At the end, the earth failed to swallow up the unrepentant Don Giovanni and consign him tn hell. The Don merely lifted up a large white sheer which had previously served as his tablecloth at dinner (creating a large eloud of dust as he did so), twirled around with a ballerina

and then keeled over and died. Musically, this was the most amhitious thing the Tirana Opera had ever done, and it would not have been possible without the help of the Austrian government, which providcd \$80,000 in sponsorship, the director, conductor and a handful of singers. The opera closed its doors for a whole month to prepare, and charged four times the usual price.

The orchestra remained a hit thin, around 45 players compared to the 80 or 90 in a normal opera house, and there was no harpsichord for the continuos, just an out-of-tune grand piano, Neither Don Ottavio nor Donna Anna were quite up to their difficult virtuoso arias. The voice of Don Giovanni lacked the hronding quality which gives the opera its depth.

Still, it was a spirited performance, with the popular local bass Artan Lika as Leporello and a fine array of traditional Albanian costumes in the country dancing scenes.

In his list of Don Giovanni's female conquests, Leporello managed to dig up 231 Albani-ans that Mozart and his librettist, Lorenzo da Ponte. somehow overlooked.

Andrew Gumbel

## French troops set to defend democracy

Paris (Reuter) — France yes-terday ordered its troops in the Central African Republic to protect the elected government of President Ange-Felix Patasse against army mutincers,

LCI television, in a report telephoned from Bangui, said two French Mirage fighters armed with rockets had taken off from a nearby air base. Comhat helicopters were also involved and at least one of them had opened fire. The official said about 100 special in from France. LCI said about 100 heavily-armed French soldiers had left the Bangui

The state radio, with the presidential palace and parliament, was among the few strategic places in Bangui still under government control.

They were defended by loyalist troops and French soldiers with tanks, local residents said. In a report from Bangui, France-Info radin said the rebels had claimed they would be in control of all of the city by the evening. "The mission is to maintain

the democratic state," Cooperation Minister Jacques Godfrain said. That means freedom of movement and freedom of expression."

He added that Paris had received strong support from neighbouring African states.
"The heads of state of neigh-

bouring African countries have expressed strong solidarity with one of their colleagues [President Patasse] who was democratically elected, and strong support for what France is do-

ing."
The Minister added that French troops had been deployed to protect the state radio station in Bangui "to prevent it being taken by force by the mutineers, whose fiveday-old revolt spread after ne-



istry official also said heavy shooting resumed around the radio station after the talks between the government and rebels had failed.

"We are intervening against this attack." he said. A French military helicopter

gotiations with the President was also reported to have fired broke down. A Defence Minon army mutineers near the state radio station in Bangui and several rebels were killed.

"I saw the French helicopter firing at the mutineers near the national radio." a correspondent for BBC radio reported an Africa service programme. A politician with close contacts

among rebels said nine mutineers died in the clash. France would, he said, repatriate all foreign nationals who wished to flee the country, prompted by looting and street

The second evacuation flight from Bangui was due to arrive in Paris early this morning.



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Torture: Amnesty International says that the practice is more widespread than ever. It targets five regimes in its latest report

# A glimpse of Hell in the cells of horror

#### TONY BARBER

For those who have faith in human progress, it makes grim reading to go through the new Amnesty International study. published yesterday, on the worldwide practice of torture. It concludes that, since it issued its first such reports in 1973 and 1984, "most of the countries implicated in those books are still actively torturing their citizens: and a few more countries have been added to the list".

The forms of torture in use across the world are cruel almost beyond belief. A Burmese punishment known as "the heliconter" involves suspending the victim by the wrists or ankles from a rotating ceiling fan and inflicting blows as the vic-

tim spins round. The "pig position" in Bolivia requires the handcutted prisoner to he hent over hackwards until his or her head is on the ground and pushed against a wall as the beatings raio

Such is only a random sample of methods and instruments employed by government security agencies and police forces from Serbia to Indonesia, from Iraq Io Sri Lanka, from Haiti to reached "epidemic propor-tions" in more than 40 countries, and says outhreaks have

been reported in 60 others. In lauoching its latest cam-paign for the abolition of torture. Amnesty is concentrating on five countries: China, Israel, Kenya, Mexico and Turkey, and on this page we summarise conditions in each state.

It has chosen them oot necessarily because they are the most flagrant abusers of human rights hut hecause each is in a different continent or region, reinforcing the perception that torture is a worldwide evil.

It is worldwide in a technological and commercial sense, too. Amnesty presents evidence that many Western companies, including some io Britain, have sought markets abroad for their shackles, thumbcuffs, electric shock batons, stun guns and other sophisticated products for

ahusing the human person.

Worldwide torture is not about to stop tomorrow, But better enforcement of the regulations governing exports of equipment opeo to misuse would be a good start.

'A Glimpse of Hell' is available at £12.99 from Amnesty Inter-Papua New Guinea, In all, national UK, 99-119 Rosebery Amnesty estimates torture has Avenue, London EC1R 4RE



Hitting back: Women at last year's international conference in Peking protesting about China's human right

# Violations common across the board

Peking – Wang Jingbo, 33, died after being held at Chaoyang District Public Security Deten-tion Centre, central Peking, at the eod of last year.

The death certificate given his parents gave the cause as cerebral bleeding but the autopsy showed he also had 12 hroken ribs. His family were convinced he was beaten to death. In March the head of the detention centre told Wang's family he had died of poeumonia and

of beatings by other prisoners. The death in custody was not unusual but the details were, unusually made available when Wang's pareets provided information to foreign journalists as part of their campaign for an

independent investigation. In a country with an all-powerful security apparatus, and no independent judicial process, torture and ill-treatment of prisoners is widespread and, according to Amnesty, systemat-

CHINA 3 ic. The torturers are rarely called to account.

No statistics are published on deaths in custody, and there are few reliable indications of the real scale of the problem. In October 1993, the Henan Legal Daily said that io that province 41 prisoners and "innocent suspects" had died as a result of torture during interrogation between 1990 and 1992, re-

ported Amnesty. Torture methods that were mentioned by the official newspaper included victims being tied up, scalded with boiling water, hit with bottles, burned with cigarettes, lashed with belts, or having electric prods placed on their genitals. Political prisoners who have been released from jail and subsequently left. China have substantiated the reported illtreatment, including years in solitary confinement.

the board, from the arresting police station, to detention centres and labour camps and jails. China ratified the UN Coovention against Torture seven years ago, but, despite the central government's attempts to stop such incidents, the public security and prisoo authorities still operate without any outside

Teresa Poole

#### **Police** act with total impunity

KENYA

Nairobi - Torture of political prisoners and criminal suspects s routine in Kenya, Amnesty said, accusing the police of us-ing a variety of techniques to ex-tract "confessions". Common methods include

beatings and whipping ... par-ticularly the feet. Detainees are often made to crouch while a stick is passed behind their knees and in front of their elbows. Their wrists are then chained together and they are suspended upside down and beaten on the soles of their feet. Some political prisoners have had fingernails pulled out. Rape by the security forces is wide-spread". The report details the case of the lawyer Raphael Wang'ondu Kariuki, accused of beleasing to an illegal merof belonging to an illegal guer-rilla organisation. He was beat-en for four days until he signed a fictitious statement. He way eventually bailed after pleading

not guilty to the charge in court. Torture has become almost acceptable among the security services, said Maina Kiai, of the Kenya Human Rights Commission."The police do not investigate by using forensic means, they use pure, brutal strength to beat people. Not a single policeman has ever being charged and the government fails to take a firm stand against

Ling Kitui, who treats victims, says torture is used not only to secure confessions hut to spread fear in the community.

lieving the story and few were

shocked in a nation where, as

yesterday's report stated, "tor-

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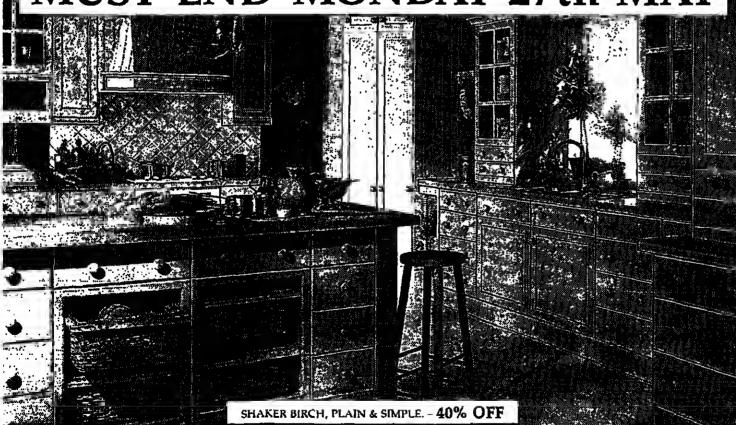
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## Kape seen as a police perk

Demetrio Hernandez, 34, a union activist, was bundled into a car in Mexico City by 10 armed men in civilian clothes on October 20, 1994. They turned out to be federal policemen. who accused him of being in an armed leftist group sympathetic to the Zapatista guerrillas in

the state of Chiapas. Hooded, he was driven to an unknown destination. After refusing to confess, he was stripped naked, hung from the ceiling by his thumbs and prodded with sharp Objects. Then came electric shocks, administered to the loes, shins, knees,

testicles, penis, oavel, backs of 'No light at end

of tunnel'

Istanhul - Western diplomats believe the number of people being tortured and "disappearing" m Turkey has been decreasing and that affairs have improved

TURKEY

since the early 1980s.
But Akin Birdal, head of the
Human Rights Association, refused to see light at the end of the tunnel. There is no sign things are getting better. In fact, they are getting worse. People in charge of atrocities are being rewarded by seats in parliament and even ministries," said Mr Birdal, who is also a left-wing politician.

Earlier this year the government initiated action against

branches of the Human Rights Foundation after they offered counselling to torture victims.

Amnesty campaigns in the past depressed flurkey's trade and tourism. Letter-writing seems to have more impact on those doing the torturing, however, and diplomats defend the principle of training police forces. "They al-ready know how to torture," said one. The point is to teach them forensic methods that will allow them to dispense with the need for a confession in the first

the hands, the tongue, gums and teeth, the elbows, forehead,

earlobes, nostrils and neck. While his torturers threatened to kill his family, Mr Hernandez had a bag put over his head; it was removed when he could barely hreathe. Next, water with powdered chilli was forced up his nostrils, after which his head was held down a lavatory bowl. Mr Hernandez, who told Amnesty of his ordeal,

ocver brought to justice.

ally uneducated policemen. President Ernesto Zedillo has pledged to eod torture but Amnesty's last report on Mexwas freed six mooths later with- ico, last year, said the problem out charges; his torturers were had worsened during his term. Mexicans had oo trouble be-

Phil Davison

#### They tortured me, invited me to tea'

A Turkish torture victim, Ali Ek-ber Kaya, did not know he was about to feature in the latest

campaign by Amnesty Inter-national, writes Hugh Pope. From eastern Turkey, be said it was likely to be a mixed blessing. "Once the police said to me:
"If we knew you had this many
foreign friends, we'd have simply got rid of you." So I'm naturally a bit worried ... But ooc
thing is for sure. If it hadn't been for Amnesty Internation-

al ... I would not be living now." Mr Kaya lives in Tunceli, which means "Brouze Hand", a name bestowed on the town of Dersim by the Turkish au-thorities after a Kurdish up-rising was crushed there in 1938. The town is still plagued with ethnic-religious strife and

killings.
"I'm both Kurdish and an Alevi, so I'm for the chop on both counts," Mr Kaya said. Alevis are beterodox Shia Muslims, often in conflict with the Sunni majority. He was first arrested in 1994 and tortured on suspicion of belonging to the separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party before being acquitted. He was rearrested in March 1995 and tortured for a confession

that he was in the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party. Amnesty said he was hosed Hugh Pope down, had two ribs broken,

AVICTIM'S TALE was not allowed to sleep and was hung from the ceiling to be given electric shocks through his fingers and genitals. "The police think they are protecting their country, that they are protecting Islam. When the

mnezzin starts, they even -top

for prayers," said Mr Kay: could still laugh at the al., dity of some of his experiences. The group of 17 suspects was brought to court, where all but two were acquitted. A woman prosecutor had pity on them. shocked at their state but the police rearrested him and im-prisoned him for two more months, although he was not harmed any more.

But release from jail did ont free him from his torturers, who visited him at work in the municipality, nuce even asking him to call for tea. Mr Kaya, who has since brought a case against the police, said he be-lieved their goal was to close the local branch of the Ruman Rights Association in the town. "They have succeeded. They

have confiscated everything, Mr Kaya said. "They even asked me what I though of the fact that they had tortured me. I said: What would you think if I had done that to you?' That kept them quiet for a while,"

## 'Moderate amount of pressure'

April last year Abd al-Samad Harizat, 30, a computer expert rael of Palestinians has been suspected of belonging to Hamas, the Islamic militaot movement, was arrested in Hebron. He was under five feet tall hut in good health. He was tak-en to Moscohiyyah purson, in Jerusalem her hours of interrogation by the Israeli Shim Bet security service, he fell into a coma and died three days later of a hrain haemorrhage caused by violent shaking. There is no doubt whatso-

ever about the cause of death," said a British pathologist cited by Amnesty. "He died from tor- some types of torture and illture." Systematic torture by Is- treatment. Amnesty said hood-

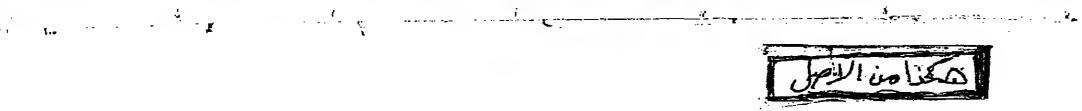
criticised by human-rights or-ganisations for 25 years. Human Rights Watch/Middle East. based in New York, said: "Israel's ill-treatment of Palestinians under interrogation is distinguished not only by its conveyor-belt quality hut also by the huge oumber of people who experience it." After the start of the Pale strian intifada (uprising) in 1987 the Israeli B Tsclem human-rights organisation estimated 5.000 Palestinians a year were being subjected to

- ISRAFI

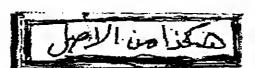
ing, beating, sleep deprivation and prolonged shackling in painful positions are common. The severity of interrogation increased after the start of suicide bombings by Hamas and Islamic Jihad in 1994. A lawyer said: Before there was some heating; now it is normal. Before the period of interrogation was shorter; now people are spending 90 days in interrogation."

interrogators are legally allowed to apply "moderate physical pressure" but human-right. organisations say that in practice this gives official permission for the torture of suspects.

Patrick Cockburn



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# the leader page

# ·How Ken could leave Gordon in the lurch

e is rapidly becoming the lone voice of sanity in the Conservative Party. But his grip on that title is far from secure. Yesterday Chancellor Kenneth Clarke attempted valiantly to counteract the bellicose tone of the Government's statements on beef and Europe. However this great Europhile has still compromised enough to go along with the Government's official hostile line. Even he is not immune from the political pressure from the loonies on the party right.

Of equal concern and interest to the voters is whether Mr Clarke will display the same tendency to compromise in his day job: running the economy. He still makes all the right noises in all the right places. We hear him warn against tax cuts if the public finances will not hear them. Yesterday we discovered that he told the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, that he was prepared to raise interest rates if the economy grew too fast later in the year.

All very admirable. But the pressure from colleagues anxiously eyeing their majorities ebb away is for Mr Clarke to engineer a feel-good boom with low interest rates and tax cuts in the runup to the election. We can be pretty sure what a Conservative government would do if it cut taxes in the run-up to the election. It would blitbely put them up again afterwards. That is what it did last time, a betrayal that Labour has exploited to the full. Yet this time

cuts. If tax cuts worked, the Tories would be back in power leaving Labour high and dry. If they did not work, Labour would be in power but with the unenviable task of clearing up the economic mess, in particular a ballooning public sector deficit, left behind by Mr Clarke. Labour's Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, should be watching Ken Clarke's with extreme trepidation.

To be fair to the troubled Chancellor, he has done pretty well in maintaining a steady recovery. His predecessors Lawson and Lamont were each guilty of irresponsible opportunism with the public finances as they pushed the economy from boom to bust. Kenneth Clarke has resisted the temptation to do either.

He took a lucky punt on interest rates last summer, by cutting them against the advice of the Bank's Governor. His judgement that the economy was slowing down was proved right. At the moment, as the Bank's recent inflation report pointed out, growth is threatened in the short term by recession in Europe cutting our exports. As a result, interest rates need to stay low. But in the longer term, as consumption grows, fuelled by tax cuts and payouts from building societies turning into banks, inflationary pressures may build.

Mr Clarke's stated willingness to raise rates later in the year shows he is aware of the risk. The real test is yet to come:



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does he have the stomach to put rates up just before an election? We still do not know. But it is the temptation of tax cuts for Mr Clarke that should worry Mr Brown most. Here, Mr Clarke bas had rather less luck. He raised taxes to sort ont the pre-election mess created by Mr Lamont. He resisted the clamour from his backbenchers for more dramatic tax cuts last November. But he should never have cut taxes at all. He has been disingenuous about the scope for spending cuts without radical restructuring of the welfare state. And he bas grossly misjudged his tax income. Forecasts for this year's government borrowing require-

ment are already running £8bn higher than his Budget projections. The shortfall, it seems, is structural not cyclical; a wise Chancellor would sort it out fast.

Sensible as Mr Clarke has often been in the past, it is probably too much to expect him to claw back tax cuts, or deliver genuine spending cuts. His record is one of hasic sense tempered by optimism, with a few bucky bets thrown in for good measure. The chances are that he will again over-estimate his room to manoeuvre on the fiscal front, and cut taxes or indulge spending at least a little in the run-up to the election. We can only hope that he will resist the demand

for further tax cuts from his colleagues. History will judge him better for it.

Still, even a little fiscal frivolity by Mr Clarke now could make life hard for Gordon Brown should Labour win the election. For a start, Mr Brown will want to start tackling those underlying economic problems that trouble him so much: low skills, lagging investment and long-term unemployment. All of these will need cash. Meanwhile the clamour for extra spending on health, education and welfare from the rest of his party will not stay long subdued as the recent controversy over the Jobseekers' Allowance has revealed. At the same time, if Mr Brown wants to keep open the option of joining a European single currency early on, he will need a low borrowing requirement in order to meet the Maastricht criteria. (Although a high deficit inherited from the Tories may provide Labour with the perfect excuse for avoiding a choice

about joining a single currency.) A Labour government's fiscal freedom to manoeuvre will be extremely limited. So what should the party do? Unless they are prepared to debate higher taxation with the voters, they will have to debate spending priorities within the party. Although Tony Blair and Mr Brown claim that no spending commitments are to be made, the entire party needs to face up to the reality of the state of the public finances and avoid raising expectations early on. If they are unhappy with

Mr Brown's proposals to abolish child benefit for over-16s, they should come up with spending cuts of their own.

The two chancellors, one in waiting and the other in office, are in similar situations. They differ on important issues: Clarke favours deregulation while Brown favours investment in education to stimulate the supply side of the economy. Yet they share considerable ground on economic policy, they are often out on a limb from colleagues and they are both singing tunes which their parties ignore at their peril.

#### Still hanging on the telephone

Which company is this? Ring, ring. Ring, ring. Silence. Mumble. Any of our utilities, according to a survey of how British Gas, the electricity and water companies answer their phones.

Getting through is difficult, getting a prompt and convincing response even harder. Citizen's chartery has failed. The monopolists have not made customers a priority. For years textbooks have said that public service begins at the front desk, or with our first call. More staff to handle calls are needed along with training in minimal politeness. Until the utilities improve the basics, they deserve a hammering from regulators and headline writers alike.

#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### Beef crisis: a despicable political ploy Sir: May a British resident abroad

write to protest at the long-term damage to British interests being done by politicians in the beef cris's ("John Major does a M. rgaret Thatcher", 22 May)? Se in from here the crisis is wholly the fault of the British government, which is still giving the public sector borrowing requirement priority over public health. The game which some unscrupulous politicians are playing of trying to stir up racial hatred as a ploy to retain their seats at the next election is

despicable.
The repeated assertion that British beef is safe, in the current st: of uncertainty about the origin and transmission of the disease CJD is quite unconvincing. Nothing is said about dissenting opinion. Great damage has already been done to the beef industry in Europe by the fear that contaminated heef may be in the food chain. Only a convincing eradication programme carried through hy the British government with the help of their continental partners can eliminate rational consumer anxieties here. The suggestion of a conspiracy against Britain is at best paranoid, at worst grossly malicious. CHARLES H SOUTHWOOD Karnten, Austria

Sir. The Government's policy in the beef crisis seems to have been misconcrived from the start. Have we forgotten that only two months ago we were told that tens of thousands of people were at risk of an incurable, fatal disease through consuming beef products previously declared "safe" and that it would take about a year before we would have any reliable indication of the extent of that risk?

Should the worst case materialise, who could doubt that British beef would be shunned until the disease was eradicated? Should the outlook prove optimistic, pressures to han it would disappear. The proper posicy, therefore, is to accept a temporary ban, monitor the medical evidence, take sensible steps to accelerate the reduction of BSE without massive destruction of herds, provide help to tide the industry over this period, cease forcing beef down the throats of every visiting dignitary and stop railing against Europe (which is doing no less than Britain would do in the same circumstances) in the search for a quick fix to a misfortune we brought on ourselves. JOHN EEKELAAR Pembroke College Oxford

Sir: Why cannot the Government admit that Britain is a minor power in Europe and the world, last becuming disgraced and the laughing stock of other countries?

While it may well be ludicrous and impossible to hope to return to medieval farming methods, we should realise that meat is not an essential food product, and encourage farmers to grow foods that are healthy without the dangerous use of chemicals. We might then find, if we respect life instead of ahusing it and thinking of it purely as an industry, that our own lives improve in quality and mora substance. ANNE BORN Salcombe, South Deven



Mr Major comes out

#### Sir: If the Government succeeds, by petulance, in having the questionable ban on beef removed ("Major's EU work-to-rule puts us all in peril", 22 May), how then does it intend to generate the necessary orders to revitalise trade

and secure the position of the All our future employment opportunities and our short-term economic security largely depend on the now threatened

relationship between the UK and Europe.
I shall not readily forgive if my children's future is gambled against the re-election prospects of the Conservative Party via jingoistie xenophobia. JAMES MACKIE Witney.

Sir: Is it not time that we in the UK humbly recognised what the rest of the European Union is trying to tell us - that a higher standard of performance in all that we do is required of us if we are to remain members of the Union - and that this can only be achieved by a greater exercise of good manners and good

sense? LEO HAYNES Northwood. Middlesex

Oxfordshire

Sir: Can somebody tell me what anyone actually does with tallow these days ("Into battle for tallow, semen and St George", 22 May)? And while we're on the subject, what is the size of the UK export market in this contentious commodity? DONALD McFARLAN London W6

#### Don't blame ills on antibiotics

Sir: To blame the use of antibiotics for the increase in diseases hitherto regarded as conquered is incredible ("The waning of the antibiotic age", 21 May). Many of the diseases mentioned declined significantly as a result of increased living standards before

antibiotics were available. In the former Soviet Union obtaining antibiotics was the main problem. Now they are obtainable it is at a price out of reach for ordinary people. The former élite never had to face this problem. Now they have become capitalists

they still ignore it. For ordinary Russian men, life expectancy has declined from 70 to 59 and for women from 75 to 73 since the mid 1970s. In the Asian former Soviet republics the situation is worse.

The main reason for this is poverty. The collapse of the health service has exacerbated the situation. Although never good it is now non-existent for many. The result has been cuts in immunisation programmes and

prohibitive costs of treatment. The overuse of antibiotics does have to be tackled but to cite this at the major problem and ignore increasing world poverty is perverse and lets world leaders off the hook yet again. IAN SPENCER Research Assistant Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine

University of Glasgow

Sir: While Glenda Cooper is right to warn about the return of the microbe ("The waning of the antibiotic age", 21 May), her article fails to mention another trend - the decline of the medical

microbiologist.

Alexander Fleming is claimed by the Scots as one of their great men. What they probably don't know is that his academic successors are, unlike the microbes, approaching extinction. I am the only professor of bacteriology left in the Scottish medical schools after more than a decade of cuts and retrenchment. No wonder infectious diseases are fighting back. They have never heard of research assessment scores or funding formulae.

Professor T H PENNINGTON Department of Medical

#### Labour's use of Excalibur system

Microbiology

University of Aberdeen

Sir. Your report, "Labour swaps private data with tycoon" (21 May), contains a number of

maccuracies. I am writing therefore to make it clear that the Labour Party has never agreed with Philip Jeffrey that any data currently stored on the Excalibur system should be marketed or sold commercially, nor is it the party's intention to reach such an agreement in the future. You claim that the computer is

connected to the Internet. As this

has never been checked with the

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Labour Party and is simply untrue, I am baffled that such an assertion could be made.

The Excalibur software is available commercially. It is run on industry-standard computer hardware. Many other multinational and large public bodies use, or are considering using, the software and hardware concerned.

I am sure the manufacturers are very grateful for the publicity your paper has given them. I am less confident that you are concerned accurately to reflect either the nature of the technology or the use to which the Labour Party puts it. DAVID HILL Chief Media Spokesperson The Labour Party London SE17

#### Free phone calls to the Internet

Sir: Ian Quayle (letter, 21 May) is on the right lines when he revives Arthur C Clarke's proposal to abolish long-distance telephone charges as a way to celebrate the

millennium. However, users of the Internet will know that long-distance charges are already optional, in effect. The real need is for abolition of local call charges, as is already the case in Canada, New Zealand, most of the United States and numerous other places.

A recent international survey has shown that, unsurprisingly, where local calls are free, take-up and use of the Internet is three times

greater than where they are not. As the Internet is where the future lies, can we afford to subsidise British Telecom's excessive profits

like this any longer?
JIM MANGLES

Sir: Your editorial "Making an exhibition" (17 May) highlights the need for a clearly defined management structure for the Greenwich millennium

development.
In alluding to the Festival of Britain in 1951 you could have contrasted the current situation with the role played at that time by the London County Council. That authority was able to clear the South Bank, build an embankmen wall, construct the Royal Festival Hall in time for the exhibition and make temporary improvements to the roads east and west of Westminster Bridge and to the south of Waterloo Bridge,

In addition, the LCC was granted special facilities to develop "Lansbury" in London's East End as an exhibition of "live" architecture with provision for schools, open spaces, shops as well as dwelling houses.

Regrettably, all the experience that went into the Festival of Britain was destroyed when the LCC's successor body, the Greater London Council, was abolished in 1986. Had it still been in existence. that council would have been the ready-made and ideal instrument to assume overall responsibility for the capital's contribution to the millennium celebration. BILL ROLFE Caterham.

#### The rot in Radio 3

Sir: Fiona Maddocks is mistaken ("Requiem for a man with the wrong vowels", 21 May). It is not the "wrong vowels" of Gambaccini that have produced such violent reactions. It is his style that is wrong and the fundamental mistake was made by the person who appointed Mr Gambaccini without realising this. His enthusiasm, knowledge, know how" and strong personality are not in question.

As Ms Maddocks rightly points

out, the rot in Radio 3 goes far deeper and the drop in listeners show that the changes have failed. Radio 3 needs confidence and vision. Forget the obsession with "the new look" and let changes evolve as they always have done. Radio 3 has no need to feel threatened by the evangelical style of Classic FM but rather welcome

to serious music, by offering top quality programmes.

The controversy shows just how much goodwill there is for this wonderful programme - the jewel in the BBC's crown. Perhaps its time for a little humility and realisation that the listeners are not always wrong. NICHOLAS J ZELLE London SW19

the many new listeners attracted

Sir: Fiona Maddocks (21 May) has got it quite wrong about Radio 3. The issue is not one of Kensington vowels, the "right pronunciation" and all the other decayed and

derelict class-ridden rubbish. The issue is one of puning across knowledge, information and insight about music. People who recall Patricia Hughes remember her not for her smart voice, but for the unique manner in which she found appropriate words and modulation for saying something valid about music.

The tragedy of the present regime at Radio 3 is that it has lost the way of saying and speaking appropriate things about music. That is not easy, and requires insight, imagination as well as a great deal of humility before the music itself. In these days of personality-driven media stars, perhaps it is this tast element which is most irrecoverably lost. CHRISTOPHER J WALKER London W14

#### Blake's 'Cymru'

Sir: R Beynon (letter, 2t May) will be surprised to learn that a considerable body of Welsh souls are inspired to sing "Jerusalem" -

and in Welsh as well. When Parry's setting of Blake's words was adopted as the anthem of the Women's Institute, the founding branch in Wales not only had it translated into Welsh. but also - with remarkable politically correct foresight substituted "Cymru" for "England". G V BARTON Tonbridge,

#### Not gone yet

Sir: It is always a pleasure to he quoted accurately, as Julian Critchley did yesterday, when repeating my assertion that the Daily Mail was being "increasingly nasty". But could I repudiate his suggestion that I am "late of the 'old' Telegraph". JEREMY DEEDES Managing Director The Telegraph

Kent



Portrait of London: regulation, order and civic pride seem old-fashioned, but they matter

# Exit from the city of destruction

#### **By Jonathan Glancey**

with money and a degree of health and security are offered an ever increasing choice, not only of things, but of ideas and ways of ordering our lives. The free market enables those who live in cities to satisfy our apparendy insatiable and urgent demand for whatever we want - a quarter-pounder with cheese. London buses the colour of a packet of Refreshers, 15 pounds' worth of unprotected sex, sushi and That noodles at four in the morning, the occasion to play the good Samaritan dropping the odd coin into the lap of the homeless on London's Hungerford Bridge, and the rich, and ultimately indigestible, recipe of fashionable bars, cafes and shops that those lucky enough to be in work can afford.

And is reachable only after death.
This, however, has never out off Whatever we want, whenever

we want it: that's the magic of the modern city. In a free market everyone's choice is valid. There are no longer powerful trade unions or entrenched restrictive practices to hold back entrepreneurs from the pursuit of a quick buck. We can

the profits ourselves. We are freed from the nuisance of having to think about that clusive and Victorian concept; the publie good. There are no rules to tell us what is good or bad. The freedom of choice we seek means, ultimately, that nothing is better, just more expensive.

This notion of infinite choice has been the underpinning of the cities that successive governments have helped to build in Britain over the past 15 years; cities, but not necessarily communities. No city, of course, can be perfect. Christian, the hero of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. sets out on a journey from the City of Destruction to find the Celestial City that stands behind closely guarded gates on Mount Zion. That city is the City of God the living from trying to beautify cities. To do so, from the earliest recorded cities in what today

we call Iraq onwards, a degree of planning and co-ordination was necessary. No beautiful city has ever come from the workings of the free market. A perfectly free-market city might be prof-

oday, those of us all buy shares and enjoy a bit of itable, but never a thing of beauty. It is more likely - Tokyo, for example - to be exciting but physically chaotic. The dream cities we go off to for weekend breaks - Paris, Rome or Siena to escape our cities of destruction have all been highly planned, or, at least, represent a likeable mixture of regulation and deregulation.

Our cities have often failed to get this mix right. In deregulating and privatising civic services, spaces and utilities, and abolishing the Greater London Council, national government has offered Londoners a diversity of public services and utilities in exchange. Many are cheaper to run and offer lower fares and prices than before.

Many London hus drivers. for example, take home about £150 a week. This means low costs. But is a low-wage urban economy a good thing in the long run? Deregulated bus services may or may not offer a good service. Some do, some don't. What we do know is that drivers no longer receive the expert training they once did under London Transport. The vehicles are shoddy things that

get the job done in a perfunctory way. They are no longer the classics of 20th-century design that once made their way into studies of exemplary urban design worldwide.

Deregulation in other areas of the urban economy might also seem to be liberating. By freeing entrepreneurs from inimum wages and maximum hours, for example, the deregulated city offers employment for more people than ever before working in our much celebrated new wave of cafés.

imposed by architects and to shorten design time. Yet the resulting buildings - a plethora of secondhand designs imported from Chicago and New York, have not exactly enhanced the capital. Meanwhile, what were once

public spaces have increasingly been privatised. We live in cities where malls and arcades are heavily policed and locked at night, in which the video camera plays an ever increasing role. Regulation, order, civic pride and other such concepts might

If we continue to give in to the politics of selfishness, the modern city will

disintegrate into ever-smaller splinters

hars, restaurants, shops, and clubs. The city can stay open far longer than it did in the days of national and local government hegemony. By keeping wages low, we find jobs for those coming to this country to escape tyranny and poverty abroad. My local car wash was able to cut its price recently, from £8.95 to £5, when it replaced Yugoslavian cleaners with those recently arrived from the Gamhia and Nigeria. Should I really be pleased that have saved £3.95 on washing the car? Whether I should own a car and live in the city centre is another question; we are all a hag of contradictions.

Deregulation and diversity promise choice, but cannot always deliver. Free from restrictive planning and design guidelines, developers and their architects worked up all sorts of fanciful façades and elevations. Competitive tendering, design and build contracts and architectural competitions have all helped to cut the costs once way of working for people, of

seem old-fashioned. Yet the high-quality public services and utilities, beautifully designed. were never designed solely to delight the eye of the aesthete. architect and connoisseur. They matter because they offer to every citizen regardless of class. creed, colour, age or income the very best we can create and make work at any one time. Our model should be a well

designed civic square, covered

market or even a customdesigned red London bus. On its two decks is all of London life, chattering, gossiping, chewing gum, glued to mobile phones. There is no need for a hus to be the colour of Jacoh's coat to prove that it belongs to the world of the free. The red London bus, designed and developed over 60 years, offered the highest standards of design and engineering as well as aesthetics for all Londoners and visitors to the capital. ft did not discriminate. Design is not some sort of aesthetic bolt-on goodie; it is a

by London Transport. That we have agreed to abandon this co-ordinated enterprise is sad, not least because its wilful destruction is a symbol of the

ennohling those we design for.

The buses were a part of an inte-

grated and famously well

designed public transport net-

work that, from 1933 to the

1980s was co-ordinated and run

way in which we have abandoned the very notion of the cohesive city. The London Transport model as a way of making sense of the modern city may, however, appear to be too forced, loo contrived and too limiting. Of course there is a danger that regulating a city may make it too chaste or too rigid. Civic enterprises such as London Transport, the London County Council and its successor, the GLC, were always in danger of hecoming complacent, selfregarding hureaucracies run by

And yet a city that orders its basic services and utilities, and has a long-term plan, even a very gentle one, for its streets and squares, its parks and river, is a city that is free 10 breathe freely. And without such a basic order surely a city lacks a spine and the basic components of a nervous system. It cannot hold together; cannot work out when it is in ill-health.

trained to take no risks.

Disorder can, of course, produce variety, excitement and its own hit-and-miss heauty. No dog is more handsome or loyal than the highly deregulated mongrel, while those of us who cannot ahide supermarkets and the culture of couch-potato passivity they bring in their space-consuming, car-generaling wake, love the messy vital-

ity of street markets. We support them not only because they offer wide choice and low prices, but because they

are part of the civic drama we dream of when we think of sipping an espresso in an open air café in a piazza in Rome or Siena. Why not London or Man-chester, Liverpool or Glasgow? A well ordered city provides a beau-tiful and workable backdrop to

the theatre of the streets. This civic drama is an active and not a passive play: cities with a future, as history shows, are highly active transformers creating music and poetry out of chanting and tribal dance, love out of sex, architecture from shelter, art from craft and civic order from rude nature. In Lewis Mumford's words, "the translation of ideas into common habits and customs, of personal choices and designs into urban structures is one of the prime functions of the city . A translation the opposite way causes the city to decline and fall Order and some degree of

bsworths and men and women regulation do not mean turning London or Manchester into a vision dredged from the notebooks of Albert Speer, LCC housing estates from the turn of the century, designed by young socialist architects, still surprise with their gentle and civilised order. Here, were not just so many soulless "housing units" as we have learnt to call homes for the poor, but a celchration of the ideals of John Ruskin, William Morris and the Arts & Crafts movement: formal, ordered, yet not without heauty, designed to be a decent home to the poorest Londoners, the cockneys of yesterday, the Bengalis of today, and a far cry from either Broadwater Farm or their free-

> market successors. Equally, the city with a strong backbone can support the most gorgeous festivities and buildings as wild as Daniel Libeversial design for a new

Doug Gelatin, not unkindty.

"Look. people don't buy shares to help anything but themselves. They don't buy

Railtrack shares to make a

better rail system - they buy

them to get a slice of the action as Railtrack flogs off its

extension to the Victoria & Albert Museum, Framed by black cabs, red buses and Giles Gilbert-Scott telephone boxes, Libeskind's building will have the power to thrill and yet be kept in its place.

Can we create this vision of the democratically ordered but vibrant and diverse city? If we want to, of course we can. First we have to want a civic society rather than an urban miasma of individuals. And, second, we have to overcome a wish to have as much as we can of everything for as little as possible financially.

If, however, we continue to give in to the politics of selfishness, the modern city will d! integrate into ever smaller splinters, none of them capable of nurturing or providing the big civic gestures, whether Frank Pick's London Transport or the floundering millennium exhibilion at Greenwich. These are the gestures that, like giant firework displays or music played live in public parks, lift everyday life ahove the mundane. encourage visitors and longterm business investment and which make us feel we share something in common rather than scurrying around like confused rats in a decaying sewer.

Perhaps, like stubborn children, we have allowed ourselves to be caught in a selfmade stew of political dogma and lust for money dressed up as rational economies; if so, we will stay at the bottom of the hill in the City of Destruction with its Day-Glo buses, prostitutes' calling cards, teenagers sleeping rough, public spaces made private, and our only motivation, as passive customers rather than active citizens, a cheaper ride.

This article is an edited version of skind's magnificently contro- a lecture on the future of the city given to the Royal Society of Ans.

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#### Gelatin, Tallow and Semen: a bullish outlook

had heard of the scien-tific and medical research outfit called Gelatin, Tallow and Scmen. Now, their shares are valued at £6m on the stock market. Their directors could retire as millionaires tomorrow. Indeed, they are secretly thinking of doing that very thing and retiring tomorrow, so that they can be in Barbados for the weekend.

Well, I don't think it's actually much of a secret," grins Doug Gelatin, one of the three founder members of the firm, which is this week's runaway success story in Britain's thriving medical research sector. "Once word got around that we were developing a cure for road rage, you couldn't stop people buying shares and throwing money at us. That left us with two options. Either to cash in. lake the money and run, or genuinely come up with a cure for road rage. Well, faced with the choice,

what would you do?" I think I'd genuinely come up with a cure for road rage,

"Would you?" says Simon Tallow in unfeigned astonishment. "Good God. How extraordinary.

Simon Tallow is the technical whizzkid behind the amazing rags-to-riches story of Gelatin. Tailow and Semen. Does this mean he supervises the actual research of a cure for road rage?

"Not quite," he says. "! supervise the research into a need for a cure for road rage. This is what British husiness is all about - finding a gap in the market.

And filling it? "No, no, no! It's all about finding a gap in the market and making people believe you can fill it! Look, as soon as people sniff the fact that you may well be on to a cure for something, they go crazy and start snapping up your shares, TB, malaria, all these diseases that are coming back again or haven't been away. they all need new cures. Can you imagine what the stampede would he like if some-

one found a cure for Aids?"

A stampede by those suf-



Miles Kington

fering from Aids, you mean? Well. I suppose Aids sufferers would certainly display an interest," says Tallow, slightly taken aback, "but I was really thinking of the investors who need a cure for Aids. Make Ihem a fortune! And they don't need a cure for Aids, just the hint of a cure for

Aids. "An investor can't afford to be left standing, you know, he has to be in on the ground floor, so he can t wait around to see if there really is a cure he has to buy now!" To help with research into

You don't know much about the way stocks and shares work, do you?" says

"And they buy our shares to sett them and get a quick profit," says Barry Semen, the third member of the triumvirate. "Well, that's what we do, Right. So how does the operation work? "Easy," says Gelatin. "We drop hims broadly that we

have stumbled on a cure for road rage. Not only that, but we also drop hints that we have proved a causal link hetween road rage and mad cow disease. Road rage is linked to mad

cow disease? "No, of course it isn", but

that's what we want people to think. We're suggesting that it might be possible to cure road rage and BSE at the same

"We are offering a hope of

an end to violence on the roads, and an end to the beef ban in Europe, with the self-

same treatment. "We are listening to what people want and we are giving

it to them. We are taking their prob-

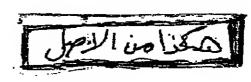
lems and giving them dreams back. We are listening to the

pleas of farmer and motorist alike. -We are playing the music of fulfilment and relief, the full

after the storm, the release from tension ... The voices of Gelatin, Tal-

low and Semen rise and fall round me like seductive chamber music, like the honeyed tones of Paul Gambaecini introducing an exquisite string quinter, like the humming of bees on a fat summer afternoon, With difficulty l shake myself free of the spell and ask the big question:

"But have you actually found a cure for road rage?" There is no answer. Hook round. They have vanished, I am alone. Perhaps I imagined



John Major has told Europe: 'Buy our beef, or else!' But why has he lost patience? And how safe is it?

# The grey man turns purple

ohn Major has moods; be has a more volatile tem-perament than his frequently monotonous performances on the platform or at the dispatch box suggest. His anger on Tuesday morning with friendly countries such as the Dutch for saying in advance that they would support Britain over the beef ban and then failing to do so

was genuine. So was his frustration at what seems to him a violation of the normal laws of objectivity: that an international group of veterinarians can get together and decide an issue of supposedly scientific fact on a qualified major-

ity voting system hased on the size

of their native countries.

Genuine and understandable; it would be easy, if it were not for the rampant jingoism of yesterday's Tory press, to construct a respectably non-Europhobic explanation for his announcement that Britain is going to be bloody-minded in the EU until her partners start to look serious about lifting the beef ban. The col-lapse of British hopes on Monday came despite the support of both the European Commission and the French government; it was not the familiar story of Britain isolated. A few in Mr Major's circle have revelled in the lack of precedent for the tactics he unveiled on Tuesday. But you don't have to go back to De Gaulle in 1965, or even Margaret Thateher 20 years later, to find examples of Euro-brinkmanship whether it is the Italians on milk quotas or Felipe Gonzalez threatening to pull the plug on the Maas-tricht negotiations unless be got more cash from the cohesion fund.

Since that gruesome weekend when ministers first learnt that there was almost certainly a direct link between the bovine BSE and the human CJD, the beef issue has come to dominate, and sometimes paralyse, the government machine. Talk to a minister these days about, say, the problems of GP fundholding and he glazes over, scarcely able to concentrate on such a distant Engage him on beef and he instantly becomes animated, as he describes how this is the most intractable problem he has encountered in a lifetime in politics; how expensive it may prove to solve; how many jobs are tied up in the farming, slaughtering, rendering, deboning and meat retail industries; how it still has the capacity to hring down the Government.

Among the more sulphurous Euro-sceptics, the beef ban was

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greeted with unhealthy glee as the issue that would finally make the cause of EU withdrawal respectable. Worse, their ranks were thickened by Tories with less strong views on Europe but lots of angry farmers in their constituencies. The creaking apology for a truce on Europe in the Tory party finally threatened to break on the backs of

the country's stricken cattle. Against that background there was an extraordinarily powerful impulse to do something, the impulse of an impatient motorist who, stuck in gridlocked traffic, takes an enormous detour simply to



DONALD MACINTYRE

Some Euro-sceptics greeted the ban with unhealthy glee

keep moving. But it was more than that. Patient diplomacy had been tried to the limit. Last Wednesday evening, John Major, Kenneth Clarke Michael Heseltine, Douglas Hogg and Malcolm Ritkind shut down all public mention of the programme of EU disruption that had been discussed in detail in a series of papers shuffling between Mr Rifkind's office and Mr Major's. They did so because they genuinely believed that Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands would back them. But for complex reasons - including the competitive desire of the Dutch to preserve a commercial advantage for its own artificial insemination industry - they didn't.

So the strategy had a decent logic. One minister said yesterday that the move would force the issue out of the agriculture council into the m-trays of foreign ministers and heads of government where it belongs. Ministers were surprised earlier in the month that Jacones Chirac, although supportive, was not well-informed on the detail of beef when he visited London.

Backbench delight was only

increased by the fact that Tony Blair did not have the best of days on Thesday. Caught, rather as Labour was in the very different circum-stances of the Falklands, by the urge to oppose the mess of the current slaughter policy and the need not to appear unpatriotic, he exposed himself to the wounding charge from Mr Major that he had failed

to "offer a single opinion".

For all these reasons, the proEuropean Tories have fallen
broadly into line. But they know,
more than most, of the perils ahead. They lie in those little words in Mr Major's Tuesday statement: "and a clear framework leading to

a lifting of the wider ban". Let us suppose that the deriva-tives ban is lifted on June 3-4. The serious Euro-sceptics won't be content with that. They don't trust the Prime Minister; they remember all too vividly how in 1994 he excited them into thinking he was going to confront the EU over the weight of the British vote under Qualified Majority Voting and then backed down ignominiously. The scalp they want is lifting the total ban, not some carefully nuanced language about the gradual reduction of its scope.

Never mind that 8,500 BSE cases are still predicted this year and 5,000 in 1997, and that therefore elements of the ban could well stay in force at least until next year. Never mind that a prolongation of the strategy will mean vetoing directives patently in Britain's interests. Never mind the cogent argument of the pro-Europeans that it is crazy to fight an election on Europe, because this is precisely the issue on which the party is so divided. There are plenty on the Tory right - up to and including Cabinet level - who would be more than content to maintain this guerrilla war until polling day, who thrill at the prospect of a beef election. Armageddon may well not bap-

pen. Mr Major is scarcely keener on the prospect than Mr Heseltine or Mr Clarke (who is said by close allies genuinely to believe that the strategy now work). There is still an even chance that MPs will return from the Whitsun recess to find that the political crisis in Europe has passed its worst. But yesterday there was more than one Tory, contemplating the fulsome headlines in yesterday's Mail and Express and their implication that only total victory will do, who remembered the grim remark of Major's 18th-century predecessor Robert Walpole on another European war: "They now ring the bells, but they will soon wring their hands."



Mad Hatter and mad cow: European consumers are not willing to put beef on the table

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# Still searching for real facts

The Prime Minister has chosen an odd rallying cry on which to start a war of European non-co-operation: "Beef is safe - the scientists tell us so." To which one is tempted to reply, with Star Trek's relentlessly logical Mr

"Safe, but not as we know it The Government line that beef is "absolutely safe" faded away on 20 March, when Stephen Dorrell told the House of Commons that the best explanation to date for 10 recent, unusual cases of Creutzfeldt-Iakob disease (CJD) in young Britons was exposure to BSE before 1989. Since that day, no better hypothesis has emerged. Nor bas any new hard evidence. Meanwhile, the

scientists have been pushed to the back of the room while the politicians wrangle. BSE and CJD are strange diseases in that the infective agent is not a hacterium or virus, but apparently a misshapen version of a protein, made naturally by the body, that accumulates and kills nerve cells. Nobody knows exactly what concentration of the infective agent (normally called a "prion") is present in different parts of the cow - such as the meat - before the disease shows up. Experiments with mice indicate that infected cows' brains are infectious (the mice catch BSE) but infected cows' beef isn't. That's not the same as saying beef isn't infectious to humans. And nobody knows if BSE can cause

CJD. The science isn't there yet. Thus it's true - but enormously disingenuous - for the Government to insist that beef poses no risk, and that no link has been proved between CJD and BSE. And it certainly doesn't follow that the beef han should be lifted. Ten CID deaths do not make an epidemiological study, but they provide the raw material to give a lot of scientists in the field the shivers.

Unfortunately, there are few reliable sources available for those who want to know what is known and what is only alleged. So how does one

get a balanced view? Two new books are already at the booksellers: BSE: The Facts by Brian J Ford, chairman of the history of hiology sector of the Institute of Biology, and Lethal Legacy by Dr Stephen Dealler, a medic who has been a consistent independent critic of the Government's approach to the disease in cattle.

Ford's is a thorough book, with details about animal husbandry, proportions of herds and breeds affected by BSE, feed manufacture, and not least the diseases themselves, which are per-

Ten CJD deaths do not make a study, but they give a lot of scientists the shivers

baps the most peculiar known to science. Certainly, the book lives up to its subtitle; I did not spot any significant errors of fact.

However, there's a big difference between ying wool and knitting a jumper. Some of Ford's assertions are wrong (such as that the disease which killed the 10 people was kuru, a CJDlike disease that affected cannibals in New Guinea; in fact their symptoms and pathology are quite different) and some of his statistical generalisations are wildly wrong (such as that half of Britain's abattoirs are breaking BSE regulations; in fact, half in a survey were breaking them, so the true figure could be the same, or more, or less).

But Ford provides a useful primer for reading Dealler's book, which moves the whole argument forward and contains a lot of data that the

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) should long ago have released for pubic consumption - such as how long the epidemic of BSE can reasonably be expected to continue. Dealler's answer, based on some densely-argued statistics, is that in 1999 there will still be between 900 and 8,700 recorded cases. (His figures accord with an independent study published

recently by a team at Oxford University.)

Dealler points out that we must have eaten hundreds of thousands of infected cows in the past 15 years which were not yet showing symptoms. Whether the disease is caused by chance exposure to a single dose, or by a huild-up of small doses, we should be worried about how much of the prion agent we are absorbing. Dealler takes the conservative, "cumulative" approach and builds it into a big table showing infectivity and dosage.

He interprets this to show that for adult Britons, there's no benefit in stopping eating beef: the higgest risk (in terms of exposure to the BSE prion) has already been taken. Stopping now might balve your risk, hut to improve your chances (assuming that BSE can cause CJD), you need to cut that risk tenfold - which

isn't possible now. You can't un-eat past meals. But a parallel conclusion he draws is that foreign visitors and children would be better off not eating British beef, "just as you advise people not to drink the water when they visit some foreign countries". How strange if the highly developed nature of our farming has brought us to the same stage as a developing country. Not that Mr Major will be too worried. Politics, not science, is in the driving seat, reading off a faulty map.

**CHARLES ARTHUR** 

BSE: The Facts' by Brian J Ford (Corgi Books, £4.99). Lethal Legacy: BSE - The Search for the Truth' by Dr Stephen Dealler (Bloomsbury, £5.99).

# The pure poetry that is Dolespeak

The would-be president has a great accent, says Rupert Cornwell. He just needs something interesting to say

Let me say it at the outset. I've missed George Bush, hadly. Not because I'm a closet Republican (perish the thought in this impartial newspaper). Nor because of anything he ever did in the White House (which, apart from winning the Gulf war, was next to nothing) or because he was the nicest US president in recent memory (which he was). The gap in my life has been what he said, or rather the way he said it - in other

For those of us who observed first hand the Demosthenes of modern American presidents in action

The man hates talking, and is profoundly suspicious of those who enjoy it

between 1989 and 1993, the very phrase has one quivering with laughter. No one, surely, could ever replace George Herbert Walker Bush's way with syntax, which could turn any public appearance into Saturday Night Live. Certainly not Bill Clinton, who speaks in textbook sentences with a recognisable heginning, middle and end, who forces no metaphor, whose chain of thought is quite maddeningly clear. But three and a half years on, happy days are here again. I refer to the dawning era of Dolespeak.

At first glance the dry-as-dust, soon-to-be ex-senator from Kansas is a poor substitute. No one, after all, could match Bush in full flow: on the economy ("coming off a pinnacle, so to speak, of low unemployment"), or musing about the endangered Pacific Spotted Owl ("we want to see the little furry-feathery guy protected, and all of that") or the burdens of high office ("Remember Lincoln, going to



stage: Bob Dole says 'the election's 'bout Merica, It's bout alues. Decency. **Bout making** 'Merica great

The great orator

his knees in times of trial and the Civil War and all that stuff. We are hiessed. So don't feel sorry for - don't cry for me, Argentina ...").

And those three specimens are taken from just a single morning of campaigning in New Hampshire, on 15 January 1992, by a president accused of paying no attention to America's domestic ills, that will be known to devotees forever as "Message: I Care" day. Bush's endorsement of Bob Dole last March was a small gem too, praising the candidate's mature leadership and character, and things of that nature". Among those "things", eloquence does not

If Bush's problem was too many words, too many half-finished thoughts and weird non-sequiturs, Dole's is the opposite. The man basically hates talking, and is profoundly suspicious of anyone who enjoys it hence his visible discomfort alongside babhlers like Newt Gingrich. But the basic failing of both Bush and Dole is identical: an inability to articulate what passes through the brain. With Bush the result was dicombobulated goofiness. With Dole it is a terse,

tongue-tied verbal shorthand. Dole diction is a law unto itself. Syllables, indeed entire words, are swallowed, lost in truncated phrases fired out in short rasping salvos. They describe how Boh Dole as "Prez'dem" would reduce the "deaf-sit," assuming those Democratic "sennas" (senators) would let him. Like Bush, he is acutely vision-challenged.

What's it all about? In his speeches, answers the question thus: "This election's bout 'Merica. It's bout the future. Values. Decency.' Bout makin' 'Merica great again,' Often the litany ends with his trademark sign-off. "whatever". Dole's peculiar way of terminating a chain of thought, or a conversation he doesn't want to continue.

The modest Midwesterner further horrifies his speechwriters with his fondness for referring to himself in the third person, a habit shared by Julius Caesar in his histories and modern black gang toughs on the streets of US cities. Not "My position is ..." hut "Bob Dole's position is ..." Maybe it's his roots in the small plains town of Russell, where by all accounts every-one talks like that. Or maybe it's the horrendous war wounds that trouble

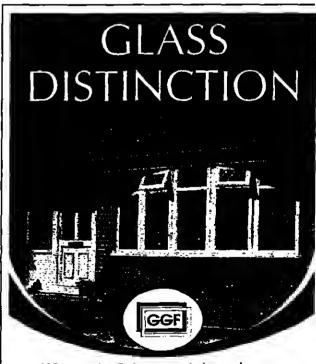
"Just gonna keep on going. Whatever." him to this day, underlining how words are cheap, but real suffering is not. Whatever.

But do not be overhasty in writing off Boh Dole in this autumn's three presidential dehates against the super-smooth, super-articulate Bill Clinton. For one thing, he has acquired a new speechwriter, the novelist Mark Helprin, who pro-duced the gloriously sappy speech with which Dole announced his resignation from the Senate last week. As summer nears, I will seek the hright light and open spaces of this beautiful country and will ask for the wise counsel of its people, from the sea coasts of Maine and California to the old railroad towns in the Midwest,

#### The Midwesterner shares Caesar's habit of referring to himself in the third person

to the verdant South ... " Pure poetry for the rest of us, but you could almost hear Dole wincing as he spoke it - who writes this mush? But there was hardly a dry eye in the house. And, as Boh Dole would say, that's what it's all about.

Second, there's his accent. Bush's preppy pseudo-Texan fooled no one. But Dole is an authentic product of the prairies, speaking the "North Midland" dialect of the US heartlands. Language scientists have found that of all the important dialects and accents, it is the one that Americans relate to and trust the most - more certainly than the gushing Bubbaspeak now emanating from the White House. But to exploit this asset properly, Dole must find something interesting to say. In other words, George Bush's pesky old "vision thing". At which point, a growly shade descends by my ear. "Workin' on it," it mutters. Whatever.



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# Maj-Gen Sir Christopher Welby-Everard

Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard was the last British army officer to command the Nigerian army. It was in the years 1962 to 1965. a difficult transition period for Nigeria, which had only been granted independence a couple of years previously, but Welby-Everard was a natural diplomat who carried his authority with ease. The young General (later President) Gowon, who was his adjutant general, saw the power of command that Welby-Everard could exercise when he anticipated a potential coup in 1964. He called the senior officers together and firmly reminded them where their

loyalty lay. Twenty years earlier, on 10 March 1944, at the age of 34, Christopher Welby-Everard had taken command of the 2nd Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment. This gave him little time to prepare for the task ahead. namely D-Day. However, as the regimental history recalls:

Such was his untiring zeal and ready insight, his persistent attention to de-tail and his amazing memory, the product of a well-disciplined mind, product of a well-disciplined mind, that after the three short months given for preparation, he took to France a battalion in which everyone had the upmost confidence in his leadership. Always aware of a very real pride in command, he must surely have come near to the ideal commanding

Propelled into command, Welby Everard led his highly motivated battalion with distinction into Hermanville for some of the fiercest fighting of O-Day. Tough action was also to come at Caen. In the stuhborn, defensive action by the Germans, known by the Allies as Operation Goodwood, he was severely wounded in the hack and leg. The way he had trained the battalioo, however, ensured that they carried the flag high in a number of successful actions until the end of the war. His batman was ordered back to the battalion, but

During his seven years as Chief

Constable of South Wales

Robert Lawrence guided the

Heading an organisation 3,000-strong calls for a high de-

particularly where a uni-

force through difficult times.

gree of managerial competence

formed public service is con-

cerned. Moreover, in the early

Nineties the force faced a fi-

nancial crisis which threateoed

both morale and its service to

the public. Lengthy discussions

with Whitehall ensued, but

eventually the Home Office



to accompany Welby-Everard to hospital in England.

Christopher Welby-Everard was born in 1909 and educated at Charterhouse, where he played cricket and soccer for the 1st XI before going up to Cor-pus Christi College, Oxford. Commissioned into the Lincolnshire Regiment in 1932, he served in the 2nd Battalion where he excelled at most sports and in particular shooting and cricket. Tall and powerfully huilt, as a fast bowler he represented Lincolnshire and the Free Foresters.

After he had recovered from his injuries in the Second World War, Welby-Everard held a series of staff appointments in the Army until 1949 when he took over the (by now) Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in the Canal Zone of Egypt, With Egypt having been defeated by Israel in 1948, and with much terrorist activity, this was a tur-hulent time. Welby-Everard at one point found his medical officer had been takeo into custody. Livid, he stormed into the local police station and demanded his release. The bewildered constabulary moved even quicker when he took out his sten-gun.

In 1954, he was appointed commander of 264 Scottish Beach Brigade and 157 Infantry Brigade (TA). After a pe-

**Robert Lawrence** 

having constantly to worry

grammar school and joined

Mid-Wales Police (later to be-

come Dyfed-Powys Police) in 1961, while still in his teens. Pro-

motion from constable through

the ranks followed steadily. By

1978 he was a superintendent

in the West Mercia force and in

1983 he transferred to Stafford-

Under his leadership the

shire as Assistant Chief Con-

upper Swansea valley, Law-rence was educated at the local armour.

aboot the balance-sheet.

riod as BGS (Ops) HQ North-ern Army, he was promoted Major-General and in 1959 posted to Oslo as Chief of Staff to the Allied Forces Northern Europe. He served there until 1962 when a fresh challenge was offered - command of the Nigerian army. It was a precondition of this appointment that he resign from the regular list of the British army and work oo a contract basis. For his work in Nigeria he was created KBE.

On return to Lincolnshire in 1965 Welby-Everard worked for Securicor and a number of charitable organisations; he was President of the County Red Cross. County Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Chairman of the Normandy Veterans, Chairman of the Lincoln Diocesan Finance Board, and for 23 years President of the Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association. He was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Lincolnshire in 1966 and High Sheriff in 1974.

Christopher Welby-Everard was a Lincolnshire man whose life was underpinned by a strong Christian faith, He was a private man devoted to public service. In life as in action, he was unruffled, unhurried and selfassured. His men knew where they were with him and so did everyone else. He had a robust sense of humour and a highly developed ability to listen. He adored his wife, Peggy, and delighted in her superstitions - at the New Mooo she would bow seven times, turn the silver in her handbag and spit. On her death 20 mooths ago his wish was to join her soon.

Max Arthur

Christopher Earle Welley-Everand soldier: born Gosberton, Lincolnshire 9 August 1909; OBE 1945, CBE 1961, KBE 1965; Chief of Staff, HQ Allied Forces. Northern Europe 1959-61; GOC Nigerian.4rmy 1962-65; married 1938 Peggy Shorrock (died 1994.

oping DNA testing, and

earlier this month 100 officers

evaluate various forms of body

Robert Lawrence was award

ed the Queen's Police Medal in

1991 and held the rank of

Brother in the Most Venerable

Order of the Hospital of St John. A devoted family man and

a keen angler and golfer, he won

an Open University arts degree

William Robert Lawrence, police

officer: born Ystradgynlais, Powys 21 September 1942: QPM 1991; Chief Constable, South Wales Constabulary 1989-96; married

1965 (one son, one daughter); died Swansea 21 May 1996.

Tony Heath

Boro at Ystradgynlais in the started trials on the beat to

Ramblers, she entered ARC's Chicago studio on 16 August 1935 and, with the lahel's British-born talent scout "Uncle" Art Satherley at the helm, recorded her self-penned "I Want to be a Cowboy's Sweetheart". A superb showcase for her supple, fluid yodelling. it proved one of the biggest

Patsy Montana, "The Yodelling

Cowgirl", was the first female

singer in country-music history

to cut a million-selling record.

Accompanied by the Prairie

hillbilly hits of the Thirties. Five years earlier, Rubye Blevins, as she was then still known, had arrived in Los Angeles with ooe of her 10 brothers, in the hope of pursuing a musical career. She enrolled at the University of the West (now UCLA) and began performing locally, eventually winning a talent contest with a couple of Jimmie Rodgers's songs. until then been firmly rooted (Rodgers, "America's Blue Yodeller", was an important in-

fluence on virtually every gan to reflect the music that country star of onte in this period.) She rapidly huilt up a regional following, and for a while worked with a now-forgotten rodeo star and sometime silverscreen cowboy named Monte The Prairie Ramhlers, with a

line-up that included Charles 'Chuck" Hart on mandola, "Happy" Jack Taylor on guitar and bass, Shelby "Tex" Atchison on fiddle and Floyd "Salty" Holmes on harmonica, jug and guitar, were, until 1933, a successful string band known as the Kentucky Rambiers. In that year they became cast members of Chicago's National Barn Dance on the Sears-owned radio station WLS and, taking their lead from a popular journal, the Prairie Farmer, changed

**Patsy Montana** 

rs: left to right (standing) Chuck Hart and Ken Houchins, and

Patsy Montana joined the group in that same year following a successful audition while visiting the World's Fair in Chicago. Together, she and the Ramhlers became mainstays of the Barn Dance and recorded prolifically for a variety of la-hels including ARC, Melotone, Decca and Victor, Among their hits were "I'm an Old Cowhand", "Goodnight Soldier" "The Moon Hangs Low" and "Little Old Rag Doll".

The band's sound, which had in the stringband traditions of the South Eastern States, bewas emerging from Texas, Oklahoma and California. Hollywood-based singing cowboys such as Gene Autry had proved popular both on record and on film and "I Want to he a Cowboy's Sweetheart" sat comfortably within the genre. Based on Patsy Montana's own earlier recording "Montana Plains", it owed

more than a little to Stuart

Hamhlen's "Texas Plains", an

Jon Pertwee

only two womeo - the other being Roy Rogers's wife Oale Evans - to receive the Western Music Association's "Living Legends of Westero Music" award, a fitting honour for

early success in the style. Oth-

er material, especially the risque

oumbers the group recorded

under the name the Sweet Vi-

olet Boys, owed more to the

western swing of bandleaders like Milton Brown and Boh

By the mid-Porties Patsy

Mootana hosted her own

nationally syndicated radio

show and was appearing on tele-vision. In 1952 she headed for

the West Coast, settling in Cal-

ifornia where, seven years lat-

er, she "retired" from music to

sell real estate. The lure of per-

forming proved too much how-ever, and over the oext decade

she cut a series of albums for in-

(1965) for Starday.

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Rubye Blevins (Patsy Montana). musician: born Hot Springs, Arkansas 30 October 1914:

## **Preston Lockwood**

In the heyday of plays on the wireless, Preston Lockwood's tones were inimitable. Today they would be labelled fruity, hut to the playgoer brought up in the dark days of the Second World War by the BBC Repertory Company, Lockwood's voice was a comforting presence. At once confiding and authoritative, warm and reverberative, it took the listener, so to speak, by the lapel and led him wherever the dramatist's imagination chanced to rove.

Friendly or meoacing, thoughtful or whimsical, it was above all what we used to call "received" English. That is to say, we listeners took it for It was how all Lockwood's

generation of actors, famous or obscure, Cockney-born or Lancashire-bred, spoke. They all (or nearly all) aspired to sound - well, like Preston Lockwood. But in films, television or the theatre? They were another world; and the only one of them to win Lockwood's constant respect was the repertory theatre. The son of a London Trans-

port driving instructor, Preston Lockwood grew up between the wars when every town or city suburb had two or three theatres one to receive tours of shows on their way to or from London. one a weekly rep and the third, a variety hall. So there was plenty of work for an aspiring performer. In those days weekly rep was a better training ground than anything available now, and Lockwood treasured it, learning ooe play in the morning, rehearsing another in the afternoon and performing a third at night.

Were productions a trifle rough"? They made an actor ready, at any rate. They were ex-citing days. So was acting for the wireless then.

Before everything was prerecorded, plays went out "live". Just as actors today will reminisce about the tension of playing in television in the post-war era when every mistake was obvious because there was no recording, Lockwood used to look back with affection to his years with the BBC Repertory Company when everything had to be right first time or

somehow covered up.

He would vividly recall the days of Saurday Night Theatre when the cast fled to the basement of Broadcasting House during a Nazi air-raid on Loo-don and had to gather round a microphone to continue their performance. Where today's technician governs what is now known as the "input" of the various voices in a broadcast drama, the players then had to judge for themselves as a team.

dependents, among them the much sought-after Sweetheart She continued to tour into the Seventies, often performing Patsy Montana Trio. In 1993 Patsy Montana became one of

daughters); died 3 May 1996. | Lockwood: reverberative

It was the teamwork of such hroadcasts and of weekly rep which Lockwood loved and missed in later years when everything seemed to him to be taken so much more seriously than in his youth. Yet he never gave up. In his late sixties he would still act in those remaining out-of-London reps at, say, Amersham or Maidenhead or Henley. And the plays? Well, East Lynne was among the

melodramas. Like the rest of his breed, Lockwood was ready to tour; and had a minor success for example as the elderly Geoffrey in a oational tour of Ronald Harwood's The Dresser, the play about the last days of an old touring Shakespearean.
Lockwood's only recorded

Shakespearean performance happened to be his first appearance (as Reginald Lockwood) on the West End stage. He played Margareloo in Michael MacOwan's modern-dress revival of Troilus and Cressida (Westminster Theatre) in 1938. He had three lines. Encoun-

tering the curious and forthright Thersites (Stephen Murray) on the hattlefield, Margareloo yells, "Turn, slave, and fight." Thersites: "What art thou?" He answers: "A bastard son of Priam's." When Thersites argues that one bastard should not fight with another, and promptly disappears, Margarelon mut-ters: The devil take thee, coward!"

Whether Lockwood spoke his two lines well or ill goes unrecorded but he was soon drawn to the wireless, ever his favourite medium after the repertory theatres.

Apart from his years in

broadcast drama, his performance as Dennis the Dachshund in Toytown made him particular popular with young listeners to Children's Hour in the 1950s; and he would pop up now and then on televisioo as, say, a doctor in the Tenko series. the Lord Chancellor in Rumpole, a vicar in The Vicar of Dibley, a hutler in a chocolate advertisement or a ghost clutching his severed head in order to "puff" cheap cigars; and in his eighties another kind of fame came Lockwood's way. It was in a Cutting Edge programme as an old golfer at Northwood, Middlesex, describing his attitude to the game, his club and the rights of

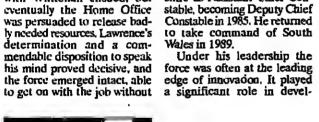
women players.

He was also seen (by the sharp-eyed viewer) in Miss Marple, The Power Game, Doctor Who and Inspector Morse. Among his film credits were Julius Caesar, Time Bandits. Great Expectations, The Pirates of Penzance, Dangerous Love, and Lady Caroline Lamb, in

Is it perhaps a fact that actors who spend most of their early years before a microphone look a hit resourceless on the stage. because they are not used to acting, so to speak, full-leogth? Or was the tall, handsome and physically impressive Lockwood simply one of those solid workaday players who loved the work wherever it led him? At all events, he was seldom out of it.

Adam Benedick

Preston Lockwood, actor: born 30 October 1912; married (one daughter); died 24 April 1996.



etween scenes of the play A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, 1963

It was not just Jon Pertwee's definitive portrayals of Doctor Who and Worsel Gummidge that made him a television star after his success on radio, writes Anthony Hayward [further to the obituary by Nick Smurth-waite, 21 May], but his appearances over 60 years in almost 50 films and scores of television programmes over 60 years. They made him one of the most prolific screen actors of the century.

Born John (not Jon) Devon Roland Pertwee, he made his screen début as early as 1937 in two films co-written by his fa-

ther. A Yank at Oxford, the first major Anglo-American feature, was a huge pre-war success starring Robert Taylor, Vivien Leigh and Lionel Barrymore, and Dinner at the Ritz featured David Niven. His father's stage play To Kill a Cat also provided Pertwee with his West End dehut, at the Aldwych Theatre in 1939.

Wartime service in the Navy led to Pertwee's radio success. but he continued in films for most of his career, with appearances in mostly comedy features such as Carry On Cleo (1964), Carry On Cowboy

David Barran, former chairman,

Midland Bank, 84; Mrs Juliel Camp-

(1965), Carry Orl Screaming (1966), A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1966) and One of Our Di-nosaurs is Missing (1975). He even stood in for Danny Kaye in the London scenes of Knock on Wood (1954) and gave his voice to the children's films Wombling Free (1977) and The Water Babies (1978). His last films, the Cannon and Ball picture The Boys in Blue (1983) and the dreadful Carry On Columbus (1992), were more a testament to the sorry state of British comedy films than to his everreliable talents.

The hig screen never provided Pertwee with a star vehi-cle. Instead, it was as the third Doctor Who on television and the walking, talking scarecrow Worzel Gummidge that he hecame best known to the nation. It was his enthusiasm for Worzel and his recollection of reading the books by Barbara Euphan Todd in the Thirties, that ted him to take the idea to Southern Television, which produced four series of Worzel Gummidge (1979-81), as well as a Christmas special, A Cup o' Tea an' a Slice o' Cake (1980). Unfortunately, Southero

1754; Kit Carson, frontiersman, 1881;

Leopold von Ranke, historian, 1881; Henrik Johan Ibsen, playwright,

1906; Bonnie Parker and Clyde Bar

Television lost its ITV franchise and no more programmes were made until the series was resurrected by a producer in New Zealand. Two series of Worzel Gummidge Down Under (1987, 1989) were made, screened in Britain on Channel Four, and at the time Pertwee told me: "It's my baby. I felt tremendous responsibility for it. I'm the one who has nurtured it and

kept it going."

Pertwee made his television debut back in 1946, playing the Judge in a BBC production of Toad of Toad Hall, a screen adaptation of A.A. Milne's play

from Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows. Kenneth More played Mr Badger. Pertwee's later television an-

pearances included Round the Bend (1956), the adventure series Ivanhoe (1958), the trampsteamer sitcom Glencannon (1960) and The Avengers (1967), before he took over as the Timelord in Doctor Who (1970-74). By now a television star in his own right. Pertwee was hired by Thames Television to present three series of the ITV crime quiz Whodunnit? (1973-78), landed a guest role in The Goodies (1975) and starred as

a psychiatrist consulted by Father Christmas in The Curious Case of Santa Claus (1982).

In 1992, he appeared with his actor son Sean in the television film Virtual Murder. He was last seeo on screen in March as a guest presenter in the Channel 4 magazine programme Food File, reporting on how insects feed on humans' breakfast ce-reals, eveo eating through the cardboard hoxes. Pertwee's daughter, Dariel, also continues the family acting tradition, and his cousin Bill is still rememhered for his role as ARP Warden Hodges in Dad's Army.

#### DEATHS

BARNARD: Eileen, of Blackbeath. London, aged 80, much-loved mother of Hilary, and adored grand-mother of Kare and Alexander, died Ham at Hopor Oak Crematorium Brenchley Gardens, Forest Hill, London SE23. No florist flowers, Dona-tions to Friends of the Earth.

GRAFTON: On Monday 20 May 1996. peacefully at home, Barry, dearest bushand, brother, Dad and Papa, Cremation private. Service of thankeri-ing at St George's Church. Weald, Sevenoals, Kent. on Wednesday S June at 12.30pm. No flowers, but if so desired donations to any of the following: Valence School, Prison Relowing: Valence School, Prison Re-form Trust. Guvs Hospital Scanner Appeal Fund, or St George's Church, Weald to Welham Jones Funeral Directors, 156 London Road.

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

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IN MEMORIAM

DOWLAND: David, 6 December 1936-23 May 1991, With love, Josephine. SHEEHAN: Kevin, you will be pleased to know that after six years, you are till missed deeply by everyone SHEEHANe Kavin, 21 September 1961-23 May 1990. Life levels all men: death

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bell Mistress of Girton College, bell, former senior civil servant, 89; Sir Hugh Casson, architect, 86; Miss Rosemary Clooney, singer, 68, Miss Joan Collins, actress, 63; Mr Denis Compton, author and cricketer, 78; Sir Samuel Curran, former Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University, 84; Mr Nigel Davenport, actor and trade unionist, 68; The Very Rev John Drury, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 60: Dr Waher Eltis, Chief Economic Adviser to the President of the Board of Trade, 63; Miss Betty Garrett, actress, 77; Mr Malcolm Gill, head, Banking Department, Bank for International Settlements, 62; Mr Marius Graing, actor, 84; Lord Gren-fell, Senior Adviser, European Office, World Bank, 61; Mr Graeme Hick, cricketer, 30; Mr Anatoly Karpov, hess player, 45; Sir Peter Kenilorea, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and for-mer Prime Minister. Solomon Islands, 53; Sir James Lester MP, 64;

Sir John Lyons, Master of Trinity

Hall, Cambridge, 64; Mr Humphrey Lyttelton, jazz musician, 75; Mr

Michael McCrum, former Master of

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 72; Lady Olga Maitland MP, 52; The Earl of Mount Charles, pop concert promoter, 45; Mr John Newcombe. tennis player, 52; Mr Peter Preston, editorial director, Guardian Media Group, 58; Mr Robert Sangster, raceburse owner and breeder, 60; Mr Artic Shaw, clarinettist and bandleader, 86; Mr John Stevens, MEP, 41; Sir Sanderson Temple, former circuit judge, 75.

Anniversaries

Births: Elias Ashmole, antiquarian, 1617; Carolus Linnaeus, botamist, 1707: William Hunter, obstetrician and medical writer, 1718; Franz Anton Mesmer, physician, 1734; Sir Charles Barry, architect, 1795; Thomas Hood, poet and humorist. 1799: Leo Baeck, rabbi and theologian, 1873; Douglas Fairbanks (Douglas Elion Thomas Ulman), actor, 1883; Par Fabian Lagerkvist, oovelist and poet, 1891; Dr Edmund Rub-bra, composer, 1901; John Bardeen, an inventor of the transistor, 1908, Deaths: Girolamo Savonarola, priest and reformer, strangled and burnt at the stake 1498; Captain William Kidd, naval officer, pirate and mur-derer, hanged in London 170t; John Wood, architect and town planner,

row, outlaws, killed in an ambush 1934; John Davison Rockefeller, industrialist and philanthropist, 1937; Lord Austin (Herbert Austin), motor manufacturer, 1941; Heinrich Himmler, Nazi leader, committed suicide 1945; Jimmy (James Francis) McHugh, popular composer ("On the Summy Side of the Street"), 1969. On this day: Joan of Arc was taken prisoner by the English, 1430; the Defenestration of Prague took place. Livingstone Lecture Series: Dr Tim 1618; Marlborough defeated the French at the Battle of Ramillies, 1706; in Canada, the North West Mounted Police was established, 1873; the Associated Press News Service was founded, 1900; Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary, 1915; Whipsnade Zoo was opened, 1931; the British parliament agreed a plan for the independence of Palestine, but this was denounced by both Arabs and Jews, 1939; the decoration of the George Cross was inaugurated, 1939; Israel announced the capture of Adolf Eichmann, a former Nazi chief, 1960. Today is the Feast Day

of St Aldhelm, St Desiderius of Vi-

enne, Si Euchrosyne of Polotsk, Si

Guibert, St Ivo of Chartres, St John

Baptist dei Rossi, St Leontins of Rostoy and St William of Rochester.

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: John Hall, "Embossed Images on Paper".

British Museum: David Bindman. "Roubiliac's Shakespeare: genius or National Gallery: Stella Gambling "Spring Chickens (iv): Velázquez's Early Paintings", 1pm. National Portrait Gallery, David

Barringer, "Fabricating Africa: Livingstone and the visual image", 1. IOnm. Tate Gallery: Frances Bozzello, "Picasso's Marie-Therese', 1pm. University College London: Profes-sor Daniel Miller, "Taking Marx to

sbury's", 5.30pm. Exeter University: Eddie George, "Shaping the Future", 230pm.

Luncheons

Lord High Commissioner The Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Princess Royal, gave a

Holyroodhouse. Among those pre-

The Earl and Countess of Airlie; Sir Iain and Lady Margaret Tennant; Mr and Mrs Niall Campbell; The Rev and Mrs Murray Chalmens; Professor Coppock; Mr and Mrs Alex Gordon Duff; Mr and Mrs James Hepharne Scott; Mr and Mrs John Jameson; Mr and Mrs Poler Ledorer; Professor and Mrs Richard Whitfield.

Foreign and Commo Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a luncheon esterday at t Carlion Gardens, Londoo SW1, in honour of Mr Habib Ben Yahia, Tunisian Foreign

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, hosted a function yeslerday at Lancaster House. London SW1, in honour of Mr Faisal Hus-seini, Chief Palestinian Representative in Jerusalem and Head of Palestinian Negotiating Team for

the Multilateral Track for the Peace

Canning House

The Earl of Limerick, President of Councils at Canning House, was host for an address given yesterday huncheon yesterday at the Palace of

evening by Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, following his recent visit to Latin Ameri-

Dinners Lord High Commissioner

The Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Princess Royal, gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those pre-

Vice-Admiral Sir James and Lady Weather-all; Professor Sir Stewart and Lady Sutherhand; Mr and Mrs Chris Andrews; Mr and Mrs Gilbert Archer; Mr Alexander Bruce; Dr John Caldwell; Mrs Erica Downie; Professor and Mrs Derek Ellwood; The Rev Thomas and Mrs McWilliam; Dr A. W. Piles; Mr and Mes Mark Pyper: Mr and Mrs David Prichard; Profes-sos and Mrs Andrew Rutherford. sor and Mrs Andrew Rutherford.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Bunerworth was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion held yesterday evening at the Royal So-ciety, Carlton House Terrace, Join-don SW1. Dr Craig Baker, Mr Zohn Newing, Mr Andrew Foster and Mr Jonathan Bamford spoke on "Information Technology: the Police

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# Bank warns lenders to cool mortgage frenzy

**Business Editor** 

The Bank of England has warned banks and building societies to cool off the frenzy in the mortgage market by reining back their generous discounted loans and cashback offers.

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Bank officials are concerned that lenders are not taking enough account of the risk of a sharp rise in interest rates or a downturn in the economy over the next few years that could bring a return of heavy losses on mortgage lending.

Low inflation should lead to

lower average interest rates, but this does not mean an end in volatility in the cost of money, Bank officials believe.

They are also urging lenders to be vigilant in choosing mort-gage customers and take more ciety savings rates.

As a result, the overall prof-

care about the terms on which it margins remain at nearloans are made. Lenders have also been told to be more open in their accounts about the costs of the deals they are of-fering and more realistic about the market shares they expect.

The Bank's fears have been heightened by the prospect that several of the largest and most aggressive huilding societies. including Halifax, are in the process of becoming banks.

At the moment they are not feeling the pain of the mortgage price war because they are cushioned by the large number of savers who are keeping cash in their accounts in expectation of payouts on conversion. This means competition for new savings has eased, taking pres-sure off bank and building so-

record levels, temporarily masking the effect of the mortgage price war. The margin between the standard variable mortgage rate and the instant access savings rate stands at

about 4 percentage points.
This high profitability is likely to fall rapidly once societies have paid out conversion windfalls to depositors in the next 12 to 18 months, putting upward pressure on savings rates.

The Bank is concerned that some lenders could be amass-ing large hidden liabilities. Banks as well as building societies that are about to convert into banks are being told to come clean in their accounts about the cost of cashbacks and discounted mortgages.

cashbacks in the first year. Few big mortgage lenders clarify in their accounts the ef-The Bank's Banking Act re-port yesterday said: "Over the

all in the first year.

if the whole cost had been tak-

en up-front profits would have

been £105m lower. The Bank of

England wants this openness

among those that spread the

cost of cashbacks over several

years while Barclays charges it

in the first year - but none of

them disclose the amounts. Halifax charges the full cost of

fect of alternative treatments of the costs of cashbacks and disticeable increase in the competition among banks, building societies and other financial counts and there is an argument in the industry about whether to spread the cost or charge it services companies for lending to individuals, particularly for home mortgages. Discounted mortgages and 'cashhacks' have Abbey National spreads the cost of cashback offers over a period, lessening the impact, but said in its last annual report that become common, particularly for first-time huyers, as some

lenders have sought to increase market share and overall lend-ing growth in a housing market which has remained subdued." adopted more widely.
Lloyds TSB and NatWest are It cites a number of "good news" trends explaining this, in-cluding low inflation, but warns lenders to "continue to assess carefully the terms on which they write business. Caution also needs to he exercised in the methods of accounting which are adopted for any schemes

used to induce business." Comment, page 25

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Mortgage mania: five of the best

About to de-mutualise, will discount its standard variable rate by 2.86 per cent until June 1999 for second-time buyers and chuck in a free valuation, worth about £150, into the bargain. However, those wanting to move their mortgages before June 2003 will have to pay a penalty of 3 per cent of the loan in year one and two, rising to 6 per cent in the third year before tapering off thereafter.

About to be taken over by Abbey National, charges nothing until the and of December this year. A free valuation and buildings and contents insurance is also on offer until then. No mortgage indemnity insurance is charged, a saving of about £1,200 on a standard toan. In return, penalties of up to seven months' interes

Owned by Lloyds Bank, throws in a cashback worth 3 per cent of the mortgage advance up to £7.500, plus no mortgage indemnity and a free valuation.

Gives a cashback of 6 per cent up to £6,000, but claims the rebate back in the event of early recemption.

Another society planning to float, offers cashbacks of 6 per cent up to £9,000. But that sum will have to be repaid in the event of a redemption within the first six years.

### Granada holds on to Meridien in hotels sale

**MATHEW HORSMAN** 

Granada, the media and leisure giant, is to keep the Meridien hotels it inherited following its hostile £3.9hn takeover of Porte, at least for the "immediate future", the company said yesterday. But Forte's exclusive hotels, including luxury trophies such as the Grosvenor House and the Hyde Park hotel in London, and the George V in Paris, will formally be put up for sale within 10 days, and could fetch as much as £1hn.

"We came to the conclusion that we could enhance profitability at the Meridien hotels, and that it would better for shareholders," Charles Allen, Granada's chief executive, said.

However, a Granada insider conceded the chain, which is largely run on management contracts, could still be sold off later, depending on market interest and the results of the profi enhancement plan.

November, Granada had said it would sell Forte's trophy hotels, its chain of motorway service areas, a majority stake in the Savoy Group and a 25 per cent stake in Alpha Airports, the catering company, raising about at least £500m.

In the heat of the battle, however, Granada's then-chief executive Gerry Robinson, who has since become chairman, changed strategy, promising to sell the Exclusive and Meridien chains to help pay down the crippling debt Granada would take on to finance the acquisition.

Barry Cameron Smail, the for-

mer finance director at Birm-

ingham Midshires who resigned

suddenly last year after just a

few months with the building so-

His body was discovered in his car parked on Army land

near his bome in Farnham,

Surrey. Police said his death,

from carbon monoxide poison-

ing, was not being treated as sus-

picious. Mr Cameron Smail

left no notes indicating that he

Keith Brown, coroners' offi-

cer in Guildford, said the dead

man's widow had made a state-

ment saying that her husband's

departure followed personality

clashes between her husband

intended to take his own life.

fume-filled car.

ciety, has been found dead in a

When we came to look closely at the botels, we began to make a determination about

their future profitability," Mr Allen said yesterday, "We saw there was considerable scope to tighten up the Meridien chain.

Large shareholders were told of the decision to keep the chain yesterday, and were supportive of management, analysts said. "There is apparently a high level of comfort that the team of Gerry Robinson and Charles Allen can enhance profits," said one leading analyst. "There is certainly no problem servicing the debt."

The exclusive hotels will be offered to as many as 60 huyers who have "pre-qualified" for the sale, Granada insiders said. A sales memorandum with detailed information on the 17 properties will be sent to all those willing to sign a confidentiality agreement. It is ex-pected that a short list of four potential buyers will emerge, followed by a auction.

Sir Rocco Forte, who lost the bitter battle over his family com-

pany, is expected to be among the bidders for at least some of the exclusive hotels, according to his advisers. He has been attempting to raise financing in the City to buy back as much of the core hotel assets as possible.

It is believed some buyers will hid for several properties, par-ticularly those dubbed "subhrands' by Granada. These include the two Westbury hotels (in London and New York) and the two Hotel Plaza Athénée (in New York and Paris.

#### Occupancy rates in UK at best levels for decade

market is underlined today in a report showing occupancy rates are at their highest for a decade, writes Patrick Tooher.

Average room occupancy levels last year rose to 69.6 per cent, up 7.1 per cent on 1994 and a fifth higher than the levels recorded during the depths of the recession four years ago. Londau put in an even stronger performance with 81.9 per cent of rooms occupied on average, a 7.9 per cent im-

provement nn 1994. British hotel profits rose by 9 per cent last year as average room rates jumped from £47.43

A typical London botel room

**Ex-Birmingham Midshires** 

finance boss found dead in car

and and Midshires' high-profile chief executive, Michael Jack-

But this was not being treat-ed as the cause of last week's

When he left his job in De-

cember, Mr Cameron Smail

collected a £181,000 pay-off,

taking his total pay for the year to £285,000, plus a £10,000 pension contribution.

Birmingham Midshires, cur-

rently the UK's 10th-largest

society, is regarded as one of the

more aggressive in its sector. It

is stalking a smaller Midlands

rival, West Bromwich, and is

known to favour a takeover by

a bigger financial institution. Mr Cameron Smail, 41,

joined the society in early 1995

and was involved in the pur-

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Source: FT Information

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The report warns: "The industry must guard against the greed of the late 1980s and continue to deliver value through

Jonathan Langston, jnint

port's authors, leisure consultancy BDO Hospitality, says: "Increasing confidence levels have now been confirmed by these significant improvements in performance. Granada's decision to raise Forte's hotel room prices was overdne and will pave the way for other hoteliers to consider their published tariffs and introduce price increases."

Sudden departure: Barry

tralised mortgage lender. Birmingham Midshires yesterday

denied any personality clashes

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and its chief executive.

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Betting men's choice: Sir lan Prosser (left) with Bass finance director Richard North

### Bets placed on a Bass bid for William Hill

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Bass was tipped yesterday as a likely bidder for William Hill following an unexpected writedown in the value of the Brent

Walker betting shops chain. The write-down, from a value of £696m to £428m, was widely seen as the prelude to a disposal at a price of about £450m.

The increasing speculation followed higher-than-forecast first-half profits from Bass and the refusal of Sir Ian Prosser, chairman and chief executive, to rule out any of the rumours that have made the company one of the City's favourite predator in recent months.

Bass, which already owns 930 betting shops through its Coral chain, is thought the most likely to snap up William Hill's 1,650 outlets in a deal that would make it Britain's largest bookmaker, well ahead of Ladbroke, which has 1,900 outlets.

Sir Ian played a straight bat yesterday to all the recent rumours, which have also linked

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Scotia Hidgs

Bass to a possible hid for Ladbroke and, most persistently, Allied Domecq's 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg Tetley, Britain's third biggest brewer after Bass

He admitted, however, that with gearing of only 23 per cent Bass had plenty of firepower. John Leach, chief executive of Brent Walker, attempted to pour cold water on the speculation, describing the writedown as a simple attempt to paint a true and fair picture of the value of the business. There

and Scottish & Newcastle.

is no hidden agenda". Bass's shares soared yesterday after first-half profits emerged right at the top end of analysts' expectations. After interim pretax profits came in 10 per cent higher at £289m, brokers pushed forecasts to between £670m and £675m from previous esti-

mates of about £655m. After touching 800p, the shares closed at 788p, 20p up on the day, as the market also digested an 8.5 per cent rise in the half-year dividend to 7.7p. Since the beginning of 1995,

Bass's shares have risen by more than 50 per cent, outperforming the rest of a rising stock market by 23 per cent.

Analysts were wrong-footed by a smaller-than-expected de-cline in the company's leisure retailing arm, which includes the Coral betting shops. At the time of Bass's annual meeting recently the company said first quarter profits at the division ere running 30 per cent lower than the previous year, thanks to the impact of the National Lottery and severe winter weather, but the decline was limited to only 17 per cent for

the half year. Brent Walker said yesterday its operating profits had fallen by 25 per cent as a result of the Lottery. It said there had been a permanent diminution in the profitability of the business. Together with a small write-down in the value of its Pubmaster pub estate, there was a £305m exceptional charge against profits, which led to a loss in 1995 of £414.5m (£142.5m loss).

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#### **US** stance over Cuba sparks trade row

DIANE COYLE

One of the most serious trade rows between industrial countries of recent years erupted yesterday, pitting the United States against its main trading

partners. The dispute, over a new US law allowing it to take Draconian action against foreigners doing business with Cuba, overshadowed the final day of the annual meeting of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

The ministerial meeting had struggled through the day to find a form of words that would affirm the industrial countries' commitment to multilateral trading rules without con-America's unilateral action too openly.

But other countries, especially Japan, were harsh in their criticism of the hlatant US disregard for the normal world

trading procedures. Sir Leon Brittan, the EU's trade commissioner, also launched an unusually forthright attack at the Paris meeting, saying the US had no right to impose its own policies on the

rest of the world. The EU lodged a formal complaint about the US action

two weeks ago. US officials had suggested that the same unilateral measures could be taken against foreign firms with investments in other "rogue" nations such as Iran and Libva.

The "Helms-Burton" act stepping up the US embargo of Cuba was passed following the shooting in February of civilian planes piloted by Cuban-Americans, killing four

people Papering over the row exercised officials' ingenuity yes-

One official said: "The wording of the communiqué took a long time and was very finely crafted."

It concluded that OECD members would: "strengthen confidence in and the credibility of the multilateral trading system by avoiding taking trade and investment measures that would be in conflict with World Trade Organisation and OECD rules."

Discussions between the US and its partners about how to resolve the dispute will continue in the weeks before the next international meeting, the G7 economic summit at the end of next month.

However, the US raised the stakes by filing a separate com-plaint with the World Trade Organisation yesterday, alleging that some EU countries including Britain were charging excess tariffs on high-

technology goods.
The clash had favourable side-effect for the British government. Ministers were pleased that the US was forced to drop its plans for the World Trade Organisation to try to incorporate minimum social standards in trade agree-

ments. Along with France, the Americans had argued that the hest way to prevent Third World countries from exploiting child and forced labour would be to outlaw these practices through trading rules. However, research by the OECD found no evidence that these forms of exploitation gave developing countries an unfair

trade advantage. Britain, backed by several other countries, has firmly opposed the introduction of "social clauses". Ministers saw the US proposal as a form of backdoor protectionism.

The day after Russia's surprise application to join the rich countries' club, many ministers present called for a pause in new memberships.

Hungary and the Czech Republic joined earlier this year, and Korea, Poland and Slovakia will become members within the next 12 months, taking the

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# Courtaulds shows fibre as cyclist

Courtaulds, the chemicals group, has been hung out to dry on the raw materials cycle over the past year. Few interials cycle over the past year, rew in-dustries could cope easily with costs that have nearly tripled and then halved again in the space of 12 months. but that is what Courtaulds has had to face with acrylonitrile and woodpulp, key ingredients in its acrylic and viscose businesses. It is hard to disagree with Sipko Huismans, the outgoing chief executive, that the Courtaulds of the 1960s and 1970s would not have survived in such conditions. So profit cut 13 per cent to £131m in the year to March was a highly creditable per-formance in the circumstances.

But Courtaulds continues to he dogged by this cyclical image, which is a shame, given its performance elsewhere. It has made a conscinus effort to expand in the Far East, particularly in powder coatings. Demand has already outstripped supply from man-ufacturing facilities in China and Korea, where new plants are under

construction. Meanwhile, the group should also do well from the growth of the aerospace market, to which it supplies coatings and a new lighter sealant enabling aircraft to carry heavier payloads.

But the main excitement remains Tencel, the revolutionary fibre into which the group has sunk around £300m in the past 10 years. The move into "very modest" profits in 1995-96 from "significant" losses previously helped offset the collapse in acrylics and viscose profits last year. Despite having doubled capacity, all the out-put has already been sold and turnover could be hitting \$400m by the end of oext year. Courtaulds reckons it could be 20 per cent of the business by early

next century.

Given the higher-than-expected margins and the group's leading posi-tion in the market for Tencel, that would add an element of stability to the business. But with no plans for further big disposals, the prospects for Tencel will be overshadowed by Courtaulds' exposure to the chemical cycle.

The group and the market now believes that the worst of the recent volatility is over, which goes a long way to explaining yesterday's 7p bounce in the shares to 422p. The problem is that after such a mauling, customers are understandably still fearful about stepping back into the market.

Success in continuing attempts by Courtaulds in persuade suppliers to link raw material costs with selling prices would enhance the quality of earnings. Until then, after seeing margins wiped out last year in acrylics and viscose, the big question is when the THE INVESTMENT COLUMN That is about right given the support of a yield of 5 per cent.

EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

Courtaulds : at a glance

bounce-back will come and how far it current £435m development pro-

will go. Profits of £170m this year would put the shares on a forward p/e of 16. That discounts the expected recovery. Hold.

#### **Land Securities** a beached whale

Land Securities, Britain's biggest landlord, has ground to a halt. Not because it isn't doing all the right things but because it is so large that it can only ever be a proxy for a direct property market that is itself flat as a pancake.

Companies such as Chelsfield, Argent and Burford, with market values of between £200m and £500m are still sufficiently nimble to dip in and out nf those areas of the market that are showing some growth and small enough in make a meaningful differ-ence to their oet worth with a handful of bold developments.

LandSecs, worth more than £3bn, a quarter of the whole sector, does oot have that luxury. It is so large that its

Operating Profit by area (£m)

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Pre-tax profits (£m)

gramme, while doing exactly what it should be doing, is never going to do more than keep the supertanker head-

ed in the right direction. Full-year profits for the 12 months to March confirmed the gloomy out-

of £400m, is what the company must get used to in a low-inflation environment where technological changes are Sir Ian Prosser has the look of a man reducing the amount of space that organisations need to house staff.

At the pre-tax profit line, there was actually a fall, by 2.9 per cent, compared with an average rise of 7.5 per cent over the last 10 years, and earnings per share slipped 1.9 per cent to 33.9p, where they provide a worryingly slim cover for a op dividend, up an anaemic 4 per cent.

The most important measure for a property company is its net asset val-ue and that slipped 2p to 691p. At that level the shares, which closed 5p higher at 648p, stand at a discount of about 13 per cent to forecasts of the company's net worth of between 740p and 760p by the end of the current year.

Share price pence

The only reason to invest in Land Securities is if you believe that rents are about to take off, interest rates fall a lot further or the gap between property yields and the return from gilts narrows. None of those appears likely in the foreseeable future and there is much better value, even within the sector, to be had elsewhere.

#### look for the company. Last year's paltry 0.2 per cent rise in rental income, by £600,000 on a base to bait its hook Waiting for Bass

who is enjoying his new-found place in the limelight. Having been the sector's ugly duckling. Bass has emerged as the City's favourite predator and has been linked with a bewildering array of drinks and leisure businesses, most rece-

ntly Carlsberg/Tetiey and William Hill. Bass has other reasons for smugness. With the exception of its leisure busises which, like everyone else's in the industry, has been hit hard by the lot-tery, Bass's wide spread of hotels, brewing, pubs and soft drinks operations all seem to be moving in the right direc-tion. Pre-tax profits of £289m were 10 per cent up on the first half of last year and nicely above expectations.

The company took a pasting in the City when it bought Holiday Inc in 1989 but the move now seems prescient. The hotel industry is enjoying an upturn and its target of 3,000 mainly franchised sites by 1999 looks very achievable.

Managed pubs are growing apace and 100 branded outlets are planned for the second-half, after 70 openings in the first. The proportion of food sales increased well and there was a big in-crease in the contribution from high margin, premium beers which helped operating profits rise 23 per cent.

Elsewhere, brewing did well to squeeze a 9 per cent underlying profit rise out of a 1.5 per cent rise in UK beer volumes. Leisure, which takes in Coral betting shops, Gala bingo halls and bowling alleys, pleasantly surprised an-alysts with a 17 per cent fall after a 30

per cent first-quarter shortfall. Bass is financially strong, has an unrivalled spread of leisure assets and throws off enough cash to fund an ambitious £600m capital expenditure program and then some. On the basis of profits this year of £667m and £745m oext time, the shares at 788p, up 20p, stand at a 10 per cent premium to the market, about the same as Whitbread and Scottish & Newcastle. It is worth it. Good value.

## Prepare to jockey in the executive sweepstakes

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Jockeys hold the key to executive pay - it's official. Academics at the London School of Economics have been trying to figure out the best way to incentivise chief executives. First they decided that a payment system should reward success handsomely and that the threat of dismissal for poor performance should be real. They then researched an occupation where these underlying principles are ful-filled – jockeys. In a comprehensive 40-page survey of British jockeys, races and prize mooey, Sue Fernie and Professor David Metcalf found that racehorse owners did much better by paying jockeys for wins, rather than Carrot or stick? One way to incentivise paying them a flat retainer fee for the season. The pair the CBI, saying that he hoped the Prime Minister would be also found that when the likes

of Willie Carson and Frankie back in the same capacity in Detton win 10 per cent more races per season, they get paid an average £10,000 extra two years' time to address them again, at the end of Sir Colin's tenure. The oew presper year. Mega-rich owners ident passes off this gaffe, that retain star jockeys with fees of up to £1m a year get a poor deal, they find. Ladies and gentlemen, please pre-pare to weigh in ... saying it was "politeness to a guest. I felt it was oot an unreasonable gesture." Sir Colin has been even-handed with his political gestures so far -Sir Colin Marshall may be recent pro-lory pamphlet of industrialists, and theo said just hours into the presidency of the Confederation of British Industry but he is alcompanies should not make political donations. Watch out

ready feeling the heat. The CBI has always theoretically for turbulence ahead. been above party politics. Executives at Sunderland-Members were struck then based Vaux Breweries are when the chairman of British desperately trying to defuse a row which has split the North Airways thanked John Major for his after-dinner speech to

A team of Lloyd's of London executives touring California to persuade US names to back the Lloyd's rescue package are recling from a forger who has sent letters to hundreds of investors saying all the meetings are cancelled due to "lack of restors saying all the meetings are cancalled due to tack of interest". John Stace, deputy chairman of Lloyd's, is leading the group in an effort to dram up support for the settlement. He has won acceptances from hundreds of US names, which is impressive considering that, until recently, outstanding court actions against Lloyd's prevented it even talking to American members. Now someone has got hold of headed note paper from the medically leading to American of I have the facility to the perfectly leading to the paper. from the perfectly legitimate Association of Lloyd's Members, and has written to names saying all the meetings have been scrapped. Lloyd's have contacted the Californian police, who are investigating. Meanwhile Mr Stace plonghs on.

Yorkshire market town of Thirsk. The brewery, under chairman Sir Paul Nicholson. has just completed a three-month refurbishmeot of a popular local pub, the Red Bear. The tenant wants to re-oame it the Darrowby Inn after the fictional name given the town by vet Alf Wight (aka James Herriot) in the much-televised All Creatures Great and Small novels.

The name change - sched-uled for oext Monday wheo the pub reopens for business
is fine by Vanx, Mr Wight's
son and many others but has
aroused the displeasure of the
town council whose new mayor, Jan Marshall, says: "There is a lot of respect for Mr Wight in Thirsk and we are anxious that oo-ooe cashes in on his name. We don't want the town turned into a kind of

James Herriot Disneyland." Vaux spokeswoman Hilary Florek is unmoved: "We're talking to everyone involved to try to resolve this as soon as possible. The last thing we want is to cause a row in the town but the tenant is still keeo for the name change to go ahead - and we have the new signs ready and waiting to go up.

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'Circumstances change and there are often good commercial reasons why it would be unfair to hold companies to the letter of their takeover promises. Even so, the Forte camp has a

right to feel aggrieved'

## Granada, takeover battles, and what people say Derhaps deservedly, what is said in bid battles often tends not to be scrutinised huyers. Mr Robinson even hinted he had bank of England's supervision department bank of England's supervision departmen

that closely or taken that seriously. Exaggeration and hyperbole are, after all, part of the cut and thrust of any contested takeover. None the less, advisers do have a duty of care

over the claims and promises being made. Granada yesterday gave details of the asset disposal programme promised at the time of its bid for Forte. In so doing it let drop that the Meridien botels are no longer for sale. The question is, does this amount to a breach of promise? It was certainly implied that Meridien was part of the package of planned disposals in the final stages of the bid. That Granada can suggest one set of strategies in the heat of the battle, then calmly execute a U-turn, must be viewed as

It wouldn't be the first time. At the outset of the battle, in November, Granada said it would sell the trophy hotels, the Savoy stake, the Alpha Airports holding and, of course, the Welcome Break motorway services operation, which it couldn't have kept anyway due to competition rules. Of the rest, it would reinvigorate the roadside restaurants and improve the profitability of the remaining hotel operations.

That was the stated strategy until Granada unveiled its increased offer. Suddenly, Gerry Robinson, the chief executive, was no longer wedded" to the Exclusive and Meridien hotels, having decided that the company couldn't improve profits enough to warrant

mtended all along to dump the hotels, but had worried that Forte would accuse its predator of asset-stripping. At the same time, however, the higger disposal pro-gramme belped to reassure investors and bankers over the financial risks of the increased offer. Now, apparently, we are

back to plan A, or at least a version of it.

Hardly any shareholders are uncomfortable with the latest change of heart. Most seem convinced that Granada can eke out enough profits to more than meet debt-servicing needs. But would Granada have got the chance to prove the point had it not sug-gested the sale in the heat of the battle? In other words, would Granada have won? The answer to this is probably yes, but the point can never be proved. Circumstances change and there are often good commercial reasons why it would be unfair to hold compa-nies to the letter of what they say during the heat of battle. Even so, the Forte camp has a right to feel aggrieved.

#### Remember the cycle, says the Bank

What terrible spoilsports these bank supervisors are. As soon as the bousing market begins to recover marginally - helped by some tremendous deals in which lenders are virtually giving away their money mistie targets for market share.

have an attack of misery about what its con-

sequences might be.
Last year, the Bank was equally strident in warning about trouble in store on corporate lending, where margins have dropped and covenants have weakened. Misery-guts or not, banking supervisors must act like supertanker captains, high up on the hridge scanning the radars for rocks that the crew cannot yet see over the horizon. One such distant rock could be a spot of economic trouble after a change of government. It is a fact that even a Labour Party firmly committed to low inflation may suffer a bit of interest rate volatility for a while.

As in all business cycles, juicy profits at the top increase the temptation among banks and huilding societies to forget the lessons of the recent past. Many banks are reporting returns on capital as high as 35 per cent across their businesses, a level which is not sustainable. What really makes the supervisors worry is that when they add up every large mortgage lender's target market share, it comes to many times 100 per cent of the market. Some of those lenders have costs so low they could wash their faces with a lending margin of 0.28 per cent, and others - mainly banks - require three times as much to break even. The worst-hit in the coming shakeout will be the higher-cost lenders that fail to reach their over-opti-

that any of these lenders are going to be seriously threatened by what they are doing now. But lending goes in cycles and there could be nothing worse for the housing market than to find lenders backing ont because of shrinking profitability or even losses. There is a real possibility that today's cut-price mortgages will be paid for with much more expensive rates to a few years' time.

#### CBI stands up to be counted

An American politician once famously hobserved that the interesting thing about the Non Aligned Movement was precisely who it was non-aligned with. Much the same thought springs to mind whenever the Confederation of British lodustry parades its non-aligned credentials as far as

party politics goes. The organisation's political neutrality was on display again yesterday as it patiently explained why it stood foursquare behind John Major on Europe even as he was threatening to tear up everything the CBI has so patiently worked for over the years with its Continental counterparts. If you accept the outgoing president Sir Bryan Nicholson's spin on events this is oothing more than a spat between club members that | polines.

Mortgage mania in 1996 could be sow- | has been whipped into John Major's Watering the seeds of banking industry trouble a loo by hysterical headlines in the right-wing year or two hence. There is no suggestion press. In contrast, his reference to the xenopress. In contrast, his reference to the xenophobic Eurosceptic tendency as "a plague of locusts' is, of course, a model of restraint and objectivity.

Moreover, says the CBL it is perfectly possible for a member state to bring Brusels to a standstill in pursuit of its own legitimate interests - in this case the lifting of the beef ban - whilst simultaneously remaining at the heart of Europe. After all, the Italians did precisely the same thing over milk. To those with a less tutored eye than Sir Bryan and his successor, Sir Colin Marshall,

it is rather harder to see how the two can be reconciled. For the past decade the CBI has been the voice of reason, advocating that Britain's interests can only be best served if it is at the centre of Europe, shaping policy and benefiting from the leverage and influence that comes with being part of the world's biggest trading block.

Much the same thesis was run through

esterday even as the rest of Europe was ganging up on Britain in retaliation over Britain's promise to undermine the forth-coming Inter-Governmental Conference.

The CBI, as we argued in these columns yesterday, is right to stand up and be counted against the Eurosceptics. But by then endorsing Mr Major's stand unques-tioningly it risks strengthening the hand of its opposition. But that, as they say, is

# Writs fly in Oasis legal wrangle

NIGEL COPE

The directors of the Oasis fashion chain are facing a legal wrangle after the founders of the original group issued writs against the company and its main board directors.

The writs were served against five members of the board, including brothers Michael and Maurice Bennett who run the business. Venture capital group Apax Partners is also cited.

The claims include allegations of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy ahead of the collapse of the original Oasis business in 1991. The papers were served on the directors as they prepared for the company's annual meeting in London yes-

erday morning. I ne allegations are the lates in a long-running battle between the present board and Graham and Edwina Brown, a husband and wife team who formed the original business in 1973 after leaving university.

The pair threatened legal action last year when Oasis was preparing for a stock market flotation, forcing the company to include an "erratum" in its prospectus.

Speaking after a hrief meeting in front of a handful of shareholders, chairman Maurice Bennett said the company and its directors would "vigorously defend" the allegations.

He added that the claims were the same as those which surfaced last year. "I don't think there is anything new in these claims. We believe there

is no case to answer." The allegations relate to the collapse of the Oasis business in 1991 three years after the Bennetts had taken a majority stake in the company. The Browns claim that the Bennetts colluded to push Pinecord, the holding company, into liquidation. Michael and Maurice Bennett later bought the company back

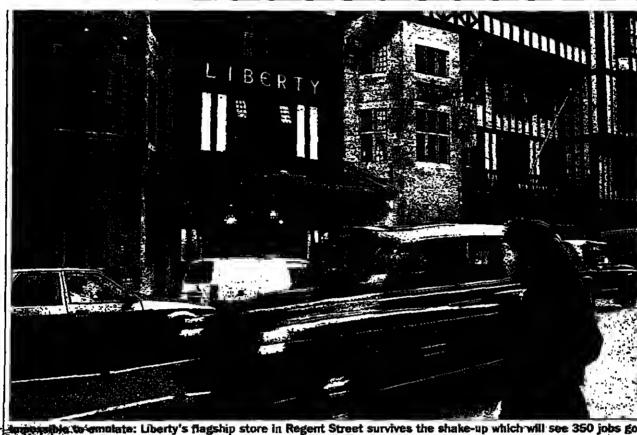
from the liquidators for £1.6m Oasis has since proved a spectacular success with sales growth eclipsing most of its high street rivals.

The company was floated on the stock market last year at 148p; the share price is now 420p, valuing Oasis at £220mc Michael and Maurice Bennett sold shares worth £11m as part of the listing. Their re-

than £30m. The seeds of the conflict date back to 1988 when the Bennett brothers and venture capital group Apax partners invested in Pinecord. While the Bennetts brothers were keen to expand the chain, the Browns claim they preferred a more cantious strategy with lower head office costs.

The Bennetts say the company failed due to high shop rents signed during the property boom of the 1980s.

ity shareholders who had invested £2m in the group, they lost more through its collapse than anyone. The Bennetts later bought Oasis back from the liquidators beating off other bid-ders with an offer of £1.6m.



NIGEL COPE

Liberty, the upmarket retailer that is being re-structured under new management, has an-nounced a radical shake-up of the 120-year-old group that will see 350 job losses and the closure of all 20 regional branches.

The company plans to con-centrate on its flagship Regent Street store in London and the international development of

They also say that as major-The 20 provincial stores, in cities such as Bath, Glasgow and Cambridge, will close by August a a cost of £5m.

The closures include one

branch in the City of London opened only last year. The two hranches at Heathrow Airport, which are profitable, will be retained. Another Heathrow outlet will open in Terminal 2 this week and a fourth at Terminal

4 in August. The three hranches of Muji, which are operated under a joint venture with a Japanese group, are unaffected.

Commenting on the closures, new chief executive lan Thomson said: "We want to focus on the flagship store and the international development of the Liberty brand. We are not able to replicate the atmosphere of the Regent Street store, or the range of its assortment in the regional branches." Mr Thomson said Liberty

would expand internationally. More airport outlets are expected, though it is likely they will be larger, and city centre stores may also be opened.

The closure programme fuelled speculation yesterday that the Stewart-Liberty family. who founded the company in 1875 and still own 44 per cent of the shares, might decide to reduce their holding. The shares fell 15p to 370p.

The decision to pull out of regions such as Brighton, Bath and Glasgow is part of a strate-gic review of Liberty undertaken by Dennis Cassidy, who joined Liberty as chairman last

It follows a profits warning in

April when the company oust-ed its then chief executive and passed the final dividend. Lib erty warned then that its pre-tax profits for the year to January would fall from last year's £3.6m

to not more than £2.1m. The board's action has the support of Bryan Myerson, the South African investor who has 17 per cent of Liberty's shares and successfully campaigned for the modernisation of the group. Many of his plans have been enacted, including the enfranchisement of non-

voting shares. Andrew Garety has been appointed figance director. He held a similar post at Boddington, the pubs group.

#### IN BRIEF

· Alliance & Leicester, the UK's fourth-largest building society, yesterday is to close more than 400 of its branch ageocies, traditionally linked to estate agents' shops. The society said the closures, set for the end of August, was decided because they do not have the technology needed to meet demands for new prod-ucts and services it wants to launch. The 50 remaining agencies

 Kingfisher, the Woolworths to B&Q retail group, added to high street optimism by announcing an 11 per cent rise in turnover to £1.24bn in the 13 weeks to 4 May. Like-for-like sales were up 6.4 per cent, including a strong recovery from the second half of last year at B & O, Kingfisher's problematical DIY chain, B & O enjoyed a 3.4 per ceot uplift in underlying sales and said it took market share from rivals in February and March. There had been a revival in the DIY market since April, it added. Kingfisher also announced it was to seek a secondary listing on the Paris bourse.

· BAA and SwissAir were involved in a war of words as the hid battle for control of the Allders duty-free husiness resurfaced. BAA said SwissAir's £145m offer fails to take into account some of the commercial realties of the deal, SwissAir hit back saying its offer has no strings attached and trumps BAA's £130m deal which was agreed by Allders on Friday. SwissAir wants Allders to present its offer to shareholders together with the BAA deal at an emergency meeting.

· Toys 'R' Us, America's biggest toy shop chain, yesterday faced anti-trust charges after federal trade regulators voted to initiate action. The Federal Trade Commission said the group "has used its market power to keep toy prices higher. The two-year investigation by the commission has questioned executives of the company about allegations it pressured manufacturers not to sell some toys to rival retailers, especially discounters. The company, which commands a fifth of the \$19bn US toy market, said on Tuesday its buying practices were designed to protect its hefty investment in the toy industry, not to bully toy manufacturers.

• The House of Lords yesterday paved the way for an estimated \$3bn-worth of settlements in the London reinsurance market. The Law Lords upheld last October's Court of Appeal ruling on the "pay as paid" issue. This means that reinsurers will now have to pay out in full on claims from an insolvent insurer, even if the nsurer has not yet paid out against claims made by its own customers. The decision on Charter Reinsurance versus Pagan will enable half a dozen similar hig cases pending in the London market to be resolved

The Independent Television Commission yesterday invited submissions on its draft licencing conditions for the launch of digi-tal terrestrial television in the UK. The enabling legislation for DTT is still before Parliament, but the ITC argued it needed to consult on the terms of the licences as early as possible if the service is to be up and running by 1998, as the Government hopes. The ITC, which will regulate most aspects of the new service, is to licence so-called "multiplex operators," who will be free to bid for as many as 3 of six available multiplexes. Viewers will be able to receive as many as 30 channels under the scheme, but will required to buy a set-top box. The broadcasting industry has been lukewarm about DTT's prospects, due to its high cost and high

 CrestCo, the company developing an electronic settlement sys-tem for the London Stock Exchange, is on target to begin operating 15 July. The new system, which will bring paperless settlement to Europe's largest equity market, plans to begin actually settling share trades by 19 August, and to completely replace the exchange's existing Talisman settlement system by next April. Current trials involve 260 firms across the UK and Ireland.

 Capita Group, 3i and Mercury Asset Management have been put on the Government's shortlist of potential purchasers for Her Majesty's Stationery Office, the publisher of government documents, Capita said. A further announcement regarding the com-position of the management team and the purchase will be made if the consortium is successful in its offer.

 Williams Holdings is "encouraged" by its performance in the second quarter but warned that recent improvements in market conditions in North America will be offset by "general weakness" in continental European markets.

## CBI closes ranks behind Major in EU squabble

MICHAEL HARRISON

The leadership of the CBI yesterday closed ranks behind John Major over his stance on Europe despite fears that it could rebound badly oo business inerests and stengthen the hand still further of Tory Euro-scep-

Sir Colin Marshall, in his first appearance as CBI president, said he "strongly agreed"

with the Prime Minister's polwith the Frime Minister's por-icy of non-cooperation with Brussels, adding: "I would not have thought that the position the PM took is particularly going to encourage any more the efforts of the Euro-sceptics. I do not anticipate this tactic is going to have an effect on busi-

He was backed by the outgoing CBI president, Sir Bryan Nicholson, who described the

stand-off between Britain and its EU partners as little more than a spat and criticised the press for whipping up hysteria with the use of emotive head-

> "We entirely understand why he has taken the stance he has and the business position has to be one of sympathy," Sir Bryan said. "All clubs have spats. These things happen and an assertion of your oational inter-

est within the club is quite legitmate."

He rejected suggestions that Mr Major's stance could render Britain a "semi-detached" member of the European Union or allow the Euro-scepties to hijack policy on Europe. But he acknowledged that the "noise and flak" in the hackground from anti-European wing of the Tory Party was "sin-

gularly unhelpful".

Yesterday's monthly meeting of the CBI's ruling council was told by one Japanese-owned firm that coverage of the row with Europe had prompted worried calls from Tokyo to ask whether the UK was contemplating withdrawal from the European Union.

Sir Bryan, who used his speech to the CBI'S annual dinner oo Tuesday night to attack the "churlish xenophobia"

the continuing beef ban. Both he and Sir Colin insist ed that the pursuit of national

of the Euro-sceptics, said the

Prime Minister had been correct

to draw a line in the sand over

interests by individual members states was legitimate and not inconsistent with a desire to remain in the mainstream of Europe. The CBI said that it stood foresquare behind Mr

#### ← The economy was on course to meet the inflation target and the reductions in interest rates in recent months had been fully

iustified Kenneth Clarke

 The downside risk had not yet materialised and the probability of stronger growth later in the year and into Mext was quite high

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**Eddie George** 

## Clarke ready to raise rates but sees no need

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

Kenneth Clarke said for the second month running that he was prepared to raise interest rates if the economy started to expand too fast. However, minutes of his April meeting with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, showed that the Chancellor thought there was no danger of having

to do so soon. The minutes reported the Chancellor saying: "He would be prepared to raise interest rates if the economy did begin to grow unsustainably fast but noted that there were presently no signs of this."

Growth was below trend and inflationary pressures remained very subdued, he added. However, the Chancellor insisted

that growth could reach 3 per in April, the month after a cent this year. Geoff Dicks, an economist at

NatWest Markets, said: "So long as the Chancellor continues to hold that view his scope for any rate cuts is curtailed, if not completely eliminated." Mr Clarke's optimism flies in the face of a cut in the internal

3 per cent, reported in the Independent recently.

The Bank of England has subsequently warned that interest rates might need to rise if the Government wants to hit

its inflation target in 1998. In its Inflation Report earlier this month it predicted inflation was "marginally" more likely than not to be above 2.5 per cent by then. Mr George and Mr Clarke

agreed to leave rates unchanged

ing. Mr George said the pause in manufacturing could last some time but growth would probably be stronger later in the

The Governor yesterday acclaimed the success of the framework for setting monetary policy. In a foreword to the Treasury growth forecast below Bank's annual report he said the delayed publication of monthly meetings with the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made the debate more open.

Too much attention had been paid to his "technical" disagreements with the Chancellor, be wrote. Mr George's own £3,008 pay rise to £232,423 in the year to

Pebruary represented a modest

1.3 per cent, well within the 2.4

per cent inflation rate.

#### Norton men convicted of fraud

A two-year investigation into the affairs of Norton, the motorcycle group, involving the Serious Fraud Office culminated yesterday in two men being convicted on fraud charges, writes Magnus Grimond. Simon Fussell, chairman of

Minty, a furniture group, and Rudolph De Mendonca a former stockbroker with the firm of Whitefriars, were found guilty at Southwark Crown Court of conspiring to defraud Priest Marians Holdings. De Mendonca was also convicted of

two forgery offences.

The charges involved a film fraud and related to the sale of Exide House, in London's Shaftesbury Avenue in 1989, Fussell disguised the profit he was making on the safe by creating a fictitious individual, "Katie Chalus", said to be of Iranian origin.

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# market report/shares

# DATA BANK

#### Electricities dim following National Power's surge National Power is baffling even bid which Ian Lang, the Board MARKET REPORT

ket professionals. On Friday, Britain's biggest generator electrified investors by announcing a special 100p a share dividend, worth 125p a share to tax exempt institutions. and a 49 per cent increase to 23p in the ordinary dividend.

The shares were standing at 516p ahead of the dividend declaration; they zoomed to 547p and have been in decline since, falling 8p to 520p yes-

Its a remarkably dim per-formance for a share harbouring such a big dividend payment. Either the market takes the view the shares are really worth around 410p or someone, somewhere has got their wires crossed.

It is true NP enjoyed a huge surge ahead of the special payment announcement. But the excitement was due to a

the most hardened stock mar- of Trade president, appeared less than keen to endorse,

An explanation for the share performance is difficult to elictechnical factors with a suggestion income funds have been so inundated with cash this year they decided to sell rather than have their dividend coffers overwhelmed by NP generosity. "Don't forget", said one trader, "the income funds do not want to be swamped this

year's display look too bad". There is also a worry the Government could be influenced by the outcry which folmove to block the payment. Af-ter all Whitehall is, directly and indirectly, making life so dif-ficult for the privatised utilities that the market is asking who is running the companies, the directors or the regulators and

year in case it makes next

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

NP, blocked by Mr. Lang from bidding £2.5bn for Southem Electric, will claim much of the hand-out cash from the sale of three power stations to Eastern, the Hanson owned NP is also, probably, suf-

fering from the market's growing disenchantment with utilities as regulatory influ-ences make life increasingly difficult for the privatised

National Grid, seen as a sitting duck for a regulatory blast, fell 6p 177.5p, a low since the 228p flotation late last year. The share fall throws a more favourable light on the ability

right time. It sold, in a con-troversial deal, its 12.5 per cent Grid stake to James Capel at 1925p a share; a price regarded at the time as ludi-

crously cheap. Other electricities faded; old takeover favourites Yorkshire lost 23p to 707p and London Electricity 27p to 702p. Waters, where there are also fears of regulatory pain, sunk with Anglian down 17p at 518p; Thames 9p at 542p and

United Utilities 10p at 548p.
Thorn EMI was given spin
as the market debated the proposed demerger. It is due to split in August with share-holders given details on 22 July.

1,813p, some 40p below their peak. The belief exists in some quarters that the demerger will be sandbagged before it can take place by a hostile bid. Others suggest once the music and rental sides are divided there will be a stampede to buy the music division with the rental side left to its own de-

Sony, the Japanese giant, is the favourite to pre-empt the demerger with a £22 a share offer. Break up valuations stretch from £19 to £23.

The FT-SE 100 index suffered a 25.2 points fall to 3,764.2, largely influenced by activity - or the lack of it - in the futures and gilts markets. Bass, the leisure group,

managed a 20p gain to 788p on its results and Kingfisher's upbeat trading statement was responsible for a 12p gain to 620p. Bio shares were mostly lower and oils succumbed to

BTR was weak, off 4.5p to Michael Page, the recruit-290p, on worries of more bear-

Scotland lost some takeover froth, giving up 11p at 268p.
Allders gained 3.5p to
213.5p as Swissair duly put in
a higher offer, around £145m, for the group's duty free op-

A £130m offer from BAA, down 8p at 499p, has been accented.

Lloyds Chemists was unsettled by a 4.2 million agency cross at 465p, falling 4p to

Jarvis, the construction group which has acquired British Rail's northern maintenance company for £9m, zoomed 25p to 89p on its return. A placing and open offer will raise £21.7m.

Glencar Exploration, with a slightly reduced loss of £199,000, added 2p to 74p; it is planning a gold investment

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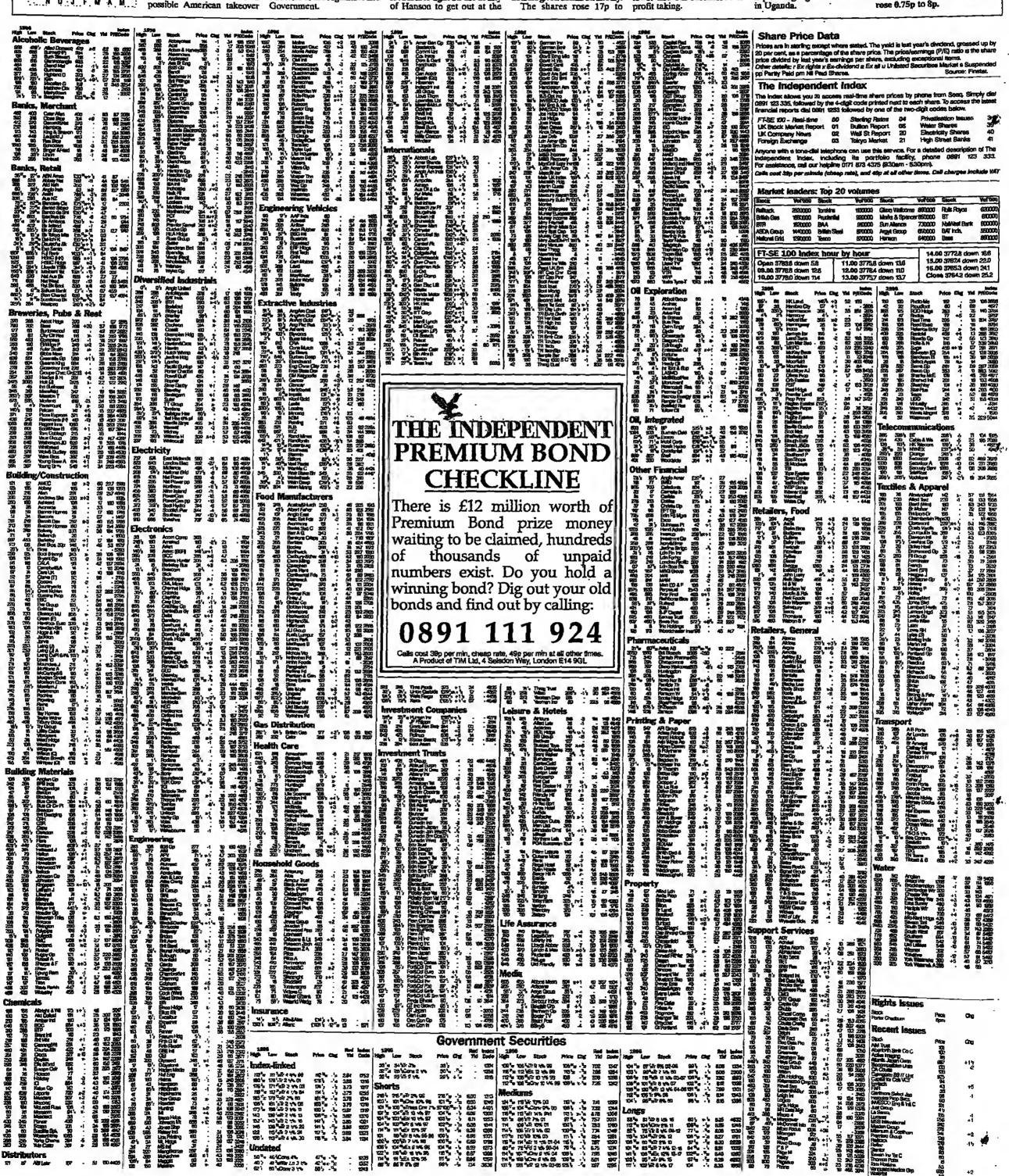
ment group, is attracting attention. The shares at 324p ish sentiment and Bank of are riding at a 12-month high, up from 125p. There is talk of US buying and some big trades have gone through. Profits more than doubled last year to £17.7m; around £21m is likely this year.

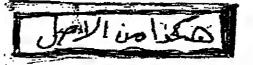
> Two buoyant débuts are expected today. Epic Multimedia should hit 125p from a 105p sale price and Mulberry, a brands group with interna-tional ambitions, may trade 30p above its 153p placing.

Boardroom action at Birkdale; chief executive George Malulski is one going, selling his 5.5 per cent stake to new group managing director Steven Smith at 6.5p. Ex-Rover chief Kevin Moriey remains chairman. The shares

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# Pick 'n' mixing offers a solution to jobless crisis

High unemployment can be solved, and it is clear what form the solutions have to take. But this dramatic conclusion of the two-year Jobs Study conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and presented to ministers in Paris this week, is not necessarily good news for politicians grappling with the problem.

For it is a bitter medicine. The solutions the OECD's experts have identified require many European governments to accept that in a changed world they cannot continue strate that Europe's growth and to run their economies in the way they have for the past 50 years.

in other countries such as the US and UK they require acceptance that fiercely contested policies which have removed traditional union, workplace and social security rights

have nevertheless created more jobs. During the past two years it is clear that the governments of almost all industrial countries have come to accept, to some extent, the diagnosis presented in the OECD's exhaustive research.

Briefly, it is that almost all the unemployment in the industrial world has structural causes, as the

chart (top right) demonstrates. Boosting the economy through the traditional methods of lower taxes or lower interest rates would make some difference to the johless total but not much. Structural unemployment has ratcheted up due to the effect of existing industrial rela-tions practices and benefit structures in a world economy that has suffered a series of shocks ranging from higher oil prices in the 1970s to the introduction of oew information technologies

By and large, most governments



ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

How to cure unemployment; the OECD prescription

short term and part-time-work

Eliminate restrictions on businesses to encourage enterprise

Reinforce active labour market policies (eg the employment)

Reform unemployment benefits to reduce the poverty trap,

Increase competition in the economy to encourage growth

Encourage the creation and spread of technical know how

which makes it too expensive to take a job because

Improve education and training with an emphasis on learning

Increase the flexibility of working patterns - encourage

Make wage and labour costs more flexible by removing restrictions on wage setting
 Reform social security systems which make it expensive.

those, like the Germans, who earlier resisted it.

At the OECD meeting this week Lorenz Schomerus, a German economy minister, said: "Since all the studies considered reliable demonemployment problems are largely of a structural nature, our policy response must take the form of mea-

sures to improve these structures." The recent programmes announced by the German government take this as their point of departure,

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disagreed. However, you only have to read reports of new strikes in Germany this week to see the stumbling block. Governments might have reached a consensus but they have not marketed it to their electorates.

Who can blame them? Although Margaret Thatcher won re-election in 1983 and 1987, she was one of the most hated of British poblicians because of her determination to destroy union influence and deregulate the economy. It was a divisive strategy that will not play well in nther countries.

It is clear that many Continental the annual Paris get-together who politicians see their task as choosing

the best point on a trade-off between unemployment and inequality, a trade-off that has pushed Britain and the US towards the low unemployment, high inequality end, and countries like Sweden and France to the other extreme.

Earnings inequality has risen faster in Britain, the United States, and New Zealand - the three countries most praised by the OECD for their labour market flexibility-than elsewhere in the industrialised world. Other countries would like to move but are not prepared to go all the

The British government argues passionately, privately supported by OECD economists, that the notico you can have either flexibility or fairoess, but oot both, is bogus.

Angela Knight, economic secretary to the Treasury, stressed that unemployment was the biggest source of inequality. "Clearly the most effective way to

tackle what is called social exclusion is to create jobs," she said. But she agreed that the message of fairness through flexibility, as opposed to fair-ness versus flexibility, bad not yet been widely accepted.

It is not an easy message to sell at a time when growth has slowed in Europe and unemployment is rising.

Any attempt to tackle the economic structures that underlie high joblessness will bring governments into a head-on clash with vested interests, including the unions whose role is threatened by industrial decline and job flexibility, at a time when the public has a low opinion of economic

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Structural and cyclical unemployment unemployment rate, 1995 (%) Structural component

unemplayment strategies. For that "downsizing" is bad for the example, this week the OECD made economy. public its objections to some members training or public sector work schemes, which it argues merely qualify the jobless for another sub-sequent spell of unemployment.

Yet it looks inevitable that many will follow at least some of the organisation's advice. Although most Continental governments remain attached to some of the things swept away in Britain during the Thatcher years - whether a minimum wage, collective bargaining or high unem-ployment benefit levels - they are likely to adopt a pick'n mix of policies from the organisation's list (see

Will the OECD see member countries adopt the radical programme of reform it thinks will be necessary to make a big impact on the unemployment numbers? Definitely not at a time when headlines Some OECD governments are not across the industrial world shout of more job losses, and we have been

The gap between public opinion and the OECD view of the way the jobs market works is clearly huge. Britain would like to see the thinktank spread the gospel by publishing some detailed research into the oumbers, much as the Council of Economic Advisers did recently for

Exactly which jobs have gone and which have been created? How much do the new jobs pay compared to the old ones? How mobile are people between jobs and how do their

earnings vary over their career? In the US, the CEA found that two-thirds of the net 8 million jobs created since 1992 paid higher than median earnings. Evidence like this could perhaps provide the kind of proof that will be needed to swing

public opinion. Early research due to be published soon by the OECD suggests that there has been no trend towards

two business cycles, except perhaps slightly in the US. Elsewhere, job destruction and creation have varied during the cycle but stayed un-

changed on average.

However, the terms of new jobs have changed, with more short-term contracts or part-time work, for in-stance. In addition, young people are more affected by downsizing than other groups, forming a bigger chunk of the group of labour market "outsiders'

There has always been a split between those who have full-time, permanent jobs on good terms and the rest, but the split is becoming

Having an unsatisfactory job? might be better for your income and well-being than being unemployed but it will not disguise the fact that your position relative in other people with other jobs has deteriorated. This: goes a long way towards explaining why the message of flexibility has made little impression on public

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# Baulch joins one-lap race for Atlanta

Mike Rowbottom meets the Welsh 400m runner behind the peroxide blond dreadlocks

It is not easy to miss Jamie Baulch. Peroxide dreadlocks give him a unique image in British athletics, and his eccentric tonsorial taste is about to be highlighted in a promotional campaign by Vidal Sassoon.

Having decided upon an Olympic theme, the company used Baulch and his Welsh team-mate, Paul Gray, as models for posters which will soon be on display throughout the country. But Baulch, who will start his in-

ternational season on home ground this Saturday in the Welsh Games at Cardiff, is rapidly establishing himself as an athlete outstanding for performance as much as appearance. And he, too, has decided upon an Olympic theme this summer as he strives for a 400 metres place in Atlanta.

British competition in this event has never been stronger, with established figures such as Roger Black, Du'Aine Ladejo, Mark Richardson and the United Kingdom record holder David Grindley, who is training well after long term injury, facing a challenge from younger talents such as Mark Hyllon, Guy Bullock and the Welsh pair of Baulch and Iwan Thomas.

But Baulch, who won a world junior sprint relay gold medal with Britain in 1992 and was named in yesterday's 400m relay squad for the European Cup on 1-2 June, is confident that he can be a serious contender. So is his coach, Britain's world 110m hurdles record holder Colin Jackson.

Since joining Jackson's training group in the autumn of 1994, this likeable 23-year-old has reduced his 400m best to 45.14sec. And after three months of uninterrupted winter work in Australia, he and his coach are convinced that the Welsh record of 44.66, which Thomas set at altitude

last month, is within range.

Performing to that kind of level at next month's Olympic trials would set up a fascinating conflict and Jackson has clearly been working hard to get his protege into the right frame of mind for the challenge.

After last Saturday's meeting at Bedford, where Baulch broke 21 seconds for 200m despite wet and windy conditions, he was jocularly but insistently reminded by Jackson of the need to concentrate on every round of racing in Birmingham next month. "Jamie is going to surprise a few people there," Jackson said. A year and a half ago it was Baulch

who was registering surprise - at least - as he took up Jackson's invitation at the 1994 Commonwealth Games to train abroad with himself, Gray and the high hurdler Samantha Farquharson - Team Wales.

"It did shock me at first," Baulch said. "I went from training twice a week to six days a week, and I started doing weights as well. I was really dying at first, but this winter I didn't miss a day.

"Three months in Australia, Who

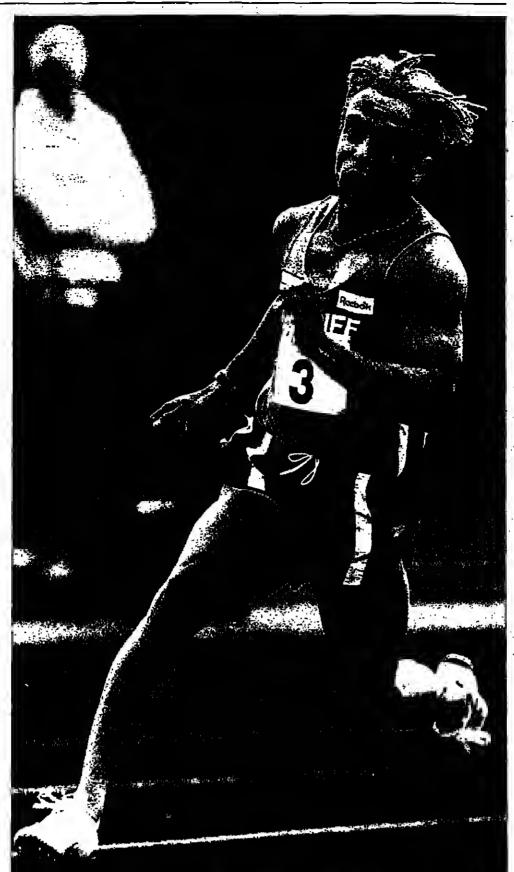
else in Britain could have offered me the opportunity to do that? Colin likes being n slavedriver, but it has been absolutely brilliant for my career and

one day I hope to repay him."

Baulch gave a firm indication of his potential at Gatesbead last summer when, in only bis second 400m of the season, he beat Black, recording 45.15. "I consider Roger the best 400m runner in the country, because of his consistency," Baulch said, "I remember thinking afterwards, 'If I

can beat Roger, I can beat anyone'."
The confidence he feels comes partly from the higher expectations among those he now trains with. "The attitude rubs off," he said. It is also grounded in the support of his adoptive parents, Marilyn and Alan, who have looked after him since he was five months old.

After being tripped in the 400m fi-nal of the 1994 European indoor championships, he recalls walking away with knees and elbows blood-ied, and feeling tears well up when he heard condolences being offered. "One day," he thought, "I'm going to show them." That day could be close.



Jamie Baulch competes in the Welsh Games on Saturday

Photograph: Mark Shearman

## Sand-trap tantrum blows Monty's cool to four winds

The most pampered in-dividuals in sport are golfing superstars. They are coddled, waited on, provided for and fawned over from the first day they break through as exceptional practitioners.

Normally, the biggest decision they have to make off the course is between oysters and smoked salmon as a starter. They live in stockbroker belts, travel first class, stay

at five-star hotels and work frequently in sylvan retreats referred to commonly as millionaires' playgrounds.

There are no busted ankles, lacer-

ated brows or ripped cartilages. Trauma is knee-high rough, a downhill putt, a ball plugged in sand, two over par.
Successful golfers go through life with a factor-30 tan, wearing designer clothes picked for them and laid out by the conordinators. The saw for simply style co-ordinators. The pay for simply showing up is often three times what the average wage earner takes home annually. No exact figures are to hand, but show me an outstanding player who is not sitting on a multiple of seven fig-ures and I will show you one who should think seriously about changing his

The fruits of dedication in golf are not begrudged here but pressures of attainment are no excuse for the petulance displayed by Colin Montgomerie last week when his game came apart in a high wind during the final round of the Benson and Hedges International

Finding his ball plugged in a bunker, and by then tumbling down the leaderboard, Montgomerie kicked twice into the sand, incurring a two-shot penalty on the amusing grounds that be had "tested a hazard". This was a cop-out on the part of the authorities, fooling nobody I have since spoken to about the incident: Next day at the ancient golf club in

Kent that agreed curiously to have me as a member, the word "pathetic" was used generally to describe Montgomerie's behaviour. Everyone agreed that it was no sort of example to set aspitting professionals. Whether Montgomerie's excellence

in golf is the result of falling out of bed with a graceful swing or hours of unstinting effort is irrelevant. Either way

carry on in the manner of a child who has just been told that there are no more sweeties.

Afterwards, it appears Montgomerie reacted grumpily under interro-gation. "Who is Nick Fal-do?" he snapped when informed that the Masters champion considered conditions on the day umplayable.
And that is another

thing. If Faldo thought the task so tough, how did Stephen Ames manage a level-par 72, to win by a stroke from Jon Robson whose sunny disposition was in marked contrast to Mont-

gomerie's scowling countenance?
By all accounts, Faldo gave up philosophically after concluding that be was not getting anywhere. This was better than throwing a tantrum but of no consolation to spectators who were getting their first gimpse of him live since that great victory last month in Augusta. It is a matter of individual opinion whether fame puts golfers under oblig-

ation to always put in a maximum ef-fort. I would not hazard a guess as to what goes on in their minds but an unavoidable impression is that a number of them today are spoiled rotten.

This column rarely goes off in an-other direction, but an exception can be made in the case of a television programme put out by BBC 2 last Sunday night to coincide approximately with George Best's 50th birthday. What I have in mind was the irri-

tating interruption of a phoney debate over a team Best had put together filmsily from notable contemporaries and today's luminaries, players who would not have gelled even with liberal ap-plications of superglue.

Supposed to be taking place in a pub-lic house it developed predictably into a load of smart-arsed tosh typical of what now often passes for an under-standing of football. "Why did Besty note the pathetic familiarity] pick him? Because he'd be first to the bar afterwards." That sort of thing.

None of the faces were familiar to me but I'm told some represent that odd phenomenon, alternative humour. The late and much-lamented Les Dawson had a good definition of the genre. He considered it the opposite

The Independent Euro-Championsbip Football Forecast offers you the opportunity to use your footballing answer the 11 questions

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ngland hasn't seen anything like it since 1966. Next month's European Championship will be the biggest sport-Scotland game, (figures based on ITV statistics)? ing event staged on these shores since Bobby

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World Cup final 30 years ago. No one knows whether Terry Venables' team can emulate history, but the drama and suspense of Euro '96 will captivate the nation. Four years ago Denmark stunned the international football community by winning the European Championship in Sweden. Can they do it again? Will Jurgen Klinsmann lead

Moore's side beat Germany 4-2 in the legendary

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prove he's England's most feared striker?" All questions will be answered at the Wembly final on June 30th. Meanwhile, our appetites already whetred by the presence in glish clubs of leading Europeans (France's Eric Cantona and Holland's Rund Gullit), we can expect a feast of football.

The opening game - England vs Switzerland at Wembley is on 8 June. Two days later Scotland play the Netherlands at Villa Park.

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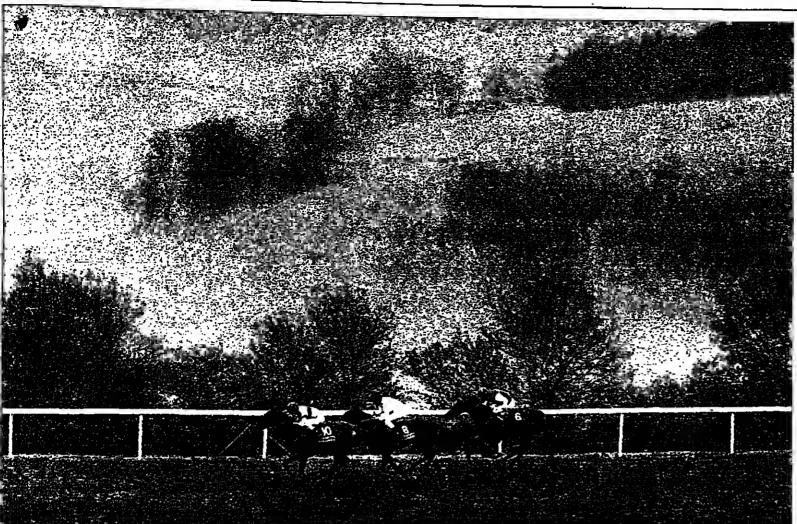
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Whitewater Affair leads home Shemozzle and Papering in yesterday's Lupe Stakes at rainswept Goodwood

# Dr Massini ready to resume work

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Goodwood

The full horrible iojury oews from Freemason Lodge, the home of the Derby favourite, Dr Massini, emerged yesterday. The yard's leading light had a cyst on a knee cartilage removed to an operation oo Mooday, Only on Tuesday was Michael Stoute allowed home

from hospital. It was far easier to collect information about the trainer's condition here yesterday than it was about Dr Massini, who was discovered lame on Monday morning. Stoute's representative, Coral Pritchard- Gordon, could not even be prodded into commenting on the statement of

tries for the Derby at yesterday's

the horse's owner, Michael Tabor, who has said he is guard-edly optimistic about getting his runner to Epsom. Tabor also has the 40-1 chance Grape Tree Road in the race.

Later, though, Stoute issued an upbeat bulletin from his stable: "Dr Massini has resumed his Derby preparation," he said. "Obviously, we oow need a clear run up to the race and if there is any further holdup I will inform the public immediately."

The state espionage departmeot (the bookmakers) reflected this optimistic tone. Dr Massini remains head of the field with the major firms and Ladbrokes have removed the "with a run" proviso.

Dr Massini was one of 34 en-

forfeit stage, along with his stablemate Double Leaf. There is no place, however, for a third Stoute horse, Bonarelli, who had cost £8,000 to supplement into the race last mooth.

Another animal who was supplemented, Clever Cliche, remains, although he is the least fancied of Henry Cecil's trio. Dushyantor and Storm Trooper have more chance. A third Newmarket trainer,

Clive Brittain, also has three representatives, which all fit snugly into the "no-hopers" category. Clive would fancy himself in an alligator wrestle and is not daunted now by each of his trio being priced at 200-1.

Group entries are still in place for Peter Chapple-Hyam, who has Nash House, Heron Island (who runs in the Italian Derby this Sunday) and Chief THE DERBY (Epsorn, B June): acceptors at yesterday's second fortes stage: Cootender (but oo Astor Place or Legal Right), and Godolphin. Team Dubai have four considerations, including Russian Revival, who runs in the Irish 2.000 Guineas this Sunday.

Godolphin were sent for by the stewards here yesterday wheo one of their winter-sunkissed horses, Fatefully, finished 10th in the opener. The explanantion should have been that it was too bloody cold. Freezing rain and heavy mists visited the course, weather that was more suited to Dogger Bank. It did not stop Stoute's runner, Whitewater Affair, winning the Oaks trial, the Lupe Stakes. She is more likely to head for Royal Ascot, though rather than be supplemented for Epsom at a cost of £15,000.

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2.40 PULLMAN FOODS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 4f Penelty Value £7,505 

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Telipian and Lombardic dead-heated at Haydock on Sister Saturday but Lombardic final had a long way back in 11th of 12 behind Beauchamp Jade at Newparlet 12 days ago when happen was runner-up, beaten a targit. Yeipen, only 4th worse off than last time should again prove the pick of the pair and he can also again take care of Progression (35 better), who finished over four largist behand than in this at Newmarket. However, ROYAL SCHATTAR, trained by the In-form Paul Cole, whose runners do well here, may beat them at Royal Scimitar can Double Ections to a head in the 10-turiong Zerland Stalkss (Issai) at Newmarket as a two-year-old. The son of Diecks, after lending the odds at Carlaia neather, lost all chance when hampered in the Chesser Vase and he led to the two-futiong pole whe unplaced in the Derby flation. He made all for a bloodies Beth victory on his returned 12 days agit is 2b lower than when he last am in a handcap – at Donesster in November. Bardook Hill Boy represents the in-form Ben Hanbury and, provided he handles the ground, could pose or threat following his Beth success test time. Bit On The Stale, who won at Warwick last month on her first appearance since October, will appreciate the cut in the ground, while Opera Buff field to get the 11th in the Chesser Cup and returns to a distance at which he has accord byte.

3.10 KIDSONS IMPEY TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £12,000 added 7f Panalty Value £8,850 

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Ster Talent turns out again quickly after running on for third behind Hugwity and Green Perfume over a mile here on Tuesday, Both his wire this year – on the Lingfield Equitack (upday) in Jenuary and at Brighton in April – were at today's shorter journey and he is the danger to SHARP REBURET. Peter hidden's fine-year-old, a Warwick winner last June, make a promising return when fifth of 24 behind Yeast in the Victoria Cup of Ascot, where As Reputed a promising abundant method 10th and 15th. Sharp Reburff, who acts with cut in the yound, saces off the same mark today and Frenier Detroit is booked for the rick. Comagnetic Demicar, who gamed consequince without any first first and Unifield in June and make the teams first interest last terms with a streamfore or not of the research Neumann. made the frame five times last form, will be straighter as 6 result of her opening Newmer-last third behind Seeeeda last week. She is on 10st but goes on the ground and could prove

3	.40	FESTIVAL STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £20,00 2f Penalty Value £15,270	O added 1m
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3		LEUR WHITE (20) (General Horse Americans SPL) P Referrey 5 6 4	
4	2220-35	CAPTURE HORATUS (25) (D) (D R Hurnsett ) During 7 6 1	
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6		WUMPA (22) Olichamed Suhain R Hannon 4 6 12	R Harthet 6
6		MILSELTA (45) (D) EI H Vould C Britain 4 B 10	B Doyle 1
10		MAIDSEPHT (BOD) Och Odes B V Chernolist Lady Hernes 5.87	

SETIENC 6-4 Febril, 4-2 Captain Horathus, 5-1 Prince Arthur, Wijnes, 5-1 Maralings, 18-1 Masset to, Otto E Mento, 20-1 others 1995: Beron Perdegral 5 8 12 Pat Eddery 10-11 (R Charlton) 4 san

1996: Beron Federard 5 8 12 Pst Editory 10-11 (R Cherhon) 4 son FORM GUIDE

FAHAL, who was in the lead at this distance in the Durby and finished a three-length fourth to Lamintonia, later landed the Group Three Rose of Lamintonias, deterting Young Busser by 2 langths at 1-bydock. He had gone on his court when stath of eight to Spectrum in the Chempion States. He would be happer on a fast surface. Lear White, a 50-1 shot when a lour-anti-a-half-length lifth of 11 to Singspiel at Sandown last month, had Prisce Arthur, who went off at 11-2, four langths away in eight in and Mariellas (33-1) minth. Prince Arthur, whose of the Group One Premio Parket and runner-up benind Moolotte both in Group One company in itself season, will have come on for the Sandown race and should not be far away. Capitals Horatise, who acts on soft ground, finished unplaced in flaty last time but proviously made late progress when third to Luciey Di in Kempton's Magnelia States—a race he won an 1983 and 1995 — with Lear White, Wijerra and Mausetta in arrears.

Selection: FAHAL

4.10 RACING CHANNEL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £4,184 

4.45 A & J BUIL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 0) £6,500 added 3YO 1m 1f Penalty Value £5,047 65 CHARROL (CHA) (1.6) (1. Marinepoutos) H Croil 9 D.
5 DURCORERE HALL (269) (F.M Croil C Cycer 9 C.
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BETTHE: 6-4 North Song, 6-2 Chabrol, 7-2 Rocky Coats, 8-1 Premier Hight, 12-1 Denoumbe Hall, 12-1 To Assen, 14-1 Sheres, 18-1 Others 1965: Rafy Zongen 3 6 0 0 Parison 3-1 U Payahari B Ren

FORM GUIDE NORTH SONG aboute take the beating here after fristing second in both starts. The Anstrancos put in a whishwind tinish only to be beatinn a head by Royal Canaska when running green at Lecester test month and found Scendighy four lengths too good at Beverley. Producy Osalis, that to Marwell at Doncaster lest September on his only curing to dis-should be fit enough for his return and looks the danger.

Selection: NORTH SONG

5.20 LEVIN DOWN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 5f Penalty Value £3,599 20-200 Ashmen (22) (3) (4) 94 S A Joyne (5) 1 D Sevence (5) 1 2 200-200 Tentier Construction (22) (2) (2) (3) (4) S A Joyne (5) S A Joyne (5) 1 D Sevence (5) 1 2 200-200 Tentier Construction (22) (2) (3) (4) S A Joyne (5) S A Joyne (7) S A JOYNe (7) (4) S A JOYNe (7) (4) S A JOYNe (7) (4) S A JOYNe (7) S A JO

DETTHIS 9-2 Nazzarello, 11-9 Scored Again, 5-1 Syste Robson, 7-1 Barmanic, 8-1 Syste Corris Caurrest Heart, 18-1 Constignates heets, 12-1 others 1995: Mezzerelo 5 T 7 M Bord 40-1 (R Cursel 13 ran

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HYPERION 2.25 Sasuru 2.55 Fonzy 3.25 Pine Needle HULA PRINCE (nap) 4.25 Kernof 5.00 Domis

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SIS RACING

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Silver Raj (2.54), Spartan Heart-best (3.25), Northern Gaz. (4.25); Hungill Mestivel (moved, 2.55), Ginger Hodgers (visored, 4.25). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Foney (2.55) won at

Tursk on Saurday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Feated (3.25) sent 341 mile

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Feated (3.25) sent 341 mile by J Danlop from Arundel, West Stewer; Braveheart (3.55) sent 234 miles by M Channon from Upper Lembourn, Berlis; Bellio Delly (2.55) & Astral's Chance (5.00) sent 279 miles by K Barke from Chips, Oxfordshire; Walepersed Melody (2.25) seps 271 miles by P Harris from Ringshall, Herts.

2.25 TYNEMOUTH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f 32yds 

2.55 ANNITSFORD CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 270 6F O SOING FOR BEONE (133) P Hestern 90...

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A ALERDANA (14) N Beport 8 3...

CO. CLOHAVON 6812, (17) M Correcto 7 13. -6 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Fosty, 3-1 Hongri Milestral, 4-2 Helio Dolly, 5-1 Clor Grt, 12-1 Going For Broke, 38-2 Koda, 33-1 others

3.25 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSO-CIATION HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,500 added 3YD 1m 4f 93yds

652-0 TISSUE OF LIES (20) M Johnston 9 :

UTTOXETER

6.30 Daring Hen 7.00 Percy Thrower 7.30 Wrekengale 8.00 Greenway Lady 8.30 Factor Ten 9.00 Exterior Profiles

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

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SLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lime Street Blues (6.30); Robero WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Jubras (9.00) won at Perth on Thursday.

LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Juhran (9.00) has been sent 218

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21. SEASOE (21) (D) John Berry B 10\_ - 4 declared -vehent, Hela Prisco, 7-2 Scholde, 5-1 Young Bigni

4.25 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 1m | CLASS E| £4,200 8dded 3YU Jm|
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- 18 declared - Affaired - Affair 5.00 SEATON BURN HANDICAP (CLASS D) 0-44106 CAPTAIN CARAT (17) (RF) Mrs J Romodon 5.95 00300-0 METAL BOYS (23) (D) Mass L Stock 6 8 1.3 ... J Wenner 15 02000-0 MMBLATE (29) (D) Mann Where 7 8 6 ... Damm McGeore 6 120560 FEATHERSTONE LANE (35) (CD) Mas L Stock 5 9 5 ... 

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Rankockde 6st 11th. BETTING: 9-4 Folst, 11-2 Captain Caret, 7-1 Floor Pirst, 8-1 Sonda

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rdes by J Dodds from Chanco, Northumberland; Synderb Lad (7.30) sert 192 miles by S Fike from Sulbury, Devon. 6.30 HIGHLAND PARK MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 000 BLANCHIAND (36) P Recient 7 11 5... 0050-PD CHUCKLES (13) Mass 0 Smith 6 11 5... 162-084 FELDSPAR (22) J Edwards 7 11 5....

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7.00 BUNNAHABHAIN NOVICE HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 3m 110yds CS-1262 STOPMITRACKER (26) (D) C Weedon 7 11 10 \_B Fembru (3)
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SEL TIMO: 2-1 Statumbracker, 4-2 Percy Thrower, 11-2 Ab Thore You Are, 8-2 Sames Megic, T-1 Cromeboo Crows, 8-1 Salindos, 12-1 others

	[	7.30	FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 3m 2f
	1		SYNDERBORDUCH LAD (7) IC) S Pag 10 11 10 A Thorston
	2		BANGROLL (16) P Hobbs 9 11 6
)	3		FAR SENIOR (12) (D) PWegmann 10 11 5T Boy
1	4		DIAMOND PORT (20) (D) J McConnocte: 11 11 1 S McNell
ı	5		FROZEN DROP (18) (D) P Richers 6 10 5 Mr. J Culluly (3)
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	BÉ	TENCE 6-4	Wrekengele, 7-2 Synderhorough Lad, 4-1 Diamond Fort, 7-
			p. 8-1 Rer Senior, 10-1 Banticoli

8.00 BLACK BOTTLE CONDITIONALS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m

45FP00 STATION EXPRESS (20) (D) 8 Liewellyn 8 10 0. 15 P-53P00 QUICK DECISION (13) J Crasswell 5 10 0...

Express & Quick Decision 9st 7th. BETTING: 3-1 Robers, 6-1 Brogroup Lady, 11-2 Clean Edge, 6-1 Nobras 7-1 Bad's Bet, 12-1 Mason Disce, Shanolon, 12-1 others

8.30 MACALLAN NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 5f MSU6-5 STORM WAR RIOR (27) T Well 11 11 0 R Massey 8 T (19) J Briett 9 11 0 L L O'Ham

223-036 WALLS COURT DISH | Bright 9 11 0.

9.00 FAMOUS GROUSE NOVICE HUROLE (CLASS 0) £3,750 added 2m 4f 110yds 

#### EXETER

HYPERION 6.15 Peter Monamy 6.45 Sydney Barry 7.15 Su-permick 7.45 Evangelica 8.15 Wymberg 6.45 Silver Standard

GOING: Good (Good to Pirm in piaces).

Bight-hand, initialiting course. Stiff test of stamms.

Course is 5m SW of Exeter on ASS. ADMISSION: Grandstand & Paddock 59; Siver Ring \$4.50 (accompanied under-10s free).

CAE PARE 52 on rule; 52 members; remainder free. SIS

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bingham's Namy (7.15); Peimani Cotinge (viscred) (8.15), Habania (viscred) (8.45). WINIGES IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS: Peter Monany (6.15) WINDERS IN 1 has send of the word at Southwell on Saturday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Ramaliah (8.4%) has been sent 100 miles by J White from Ashton Rowant, Oxfortishire; Raggerty (7.45) & Pennant Cottage (8.15) sent 160 miles by Miss E Whitehouse from Church Stretton, Shropwhere.

6.15 JAMAR LOGISTICS & A F FREIGHT SELL-ING HURDLE (CLASS 6) £2,450 2m 2f 121 PETER MONAMY (5) (C) M PDG 4 11 7 \_\_\_\_\_ D Bridgenter
500580 COOCHE (15) R Bales 7 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_ BE S Danes (7)
454P04 TRAE TO MOVE (45) P Jones 8 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_ MESS E J Jones (7)
40680F HRSH POST (25) P Luden 5 11 0 \_\_\_\_\_ M Bichards
40680F HRSH POST (25) G Henr 7 11 0 \_\_\_\_\_ S Burrough
009940 SUTUM (15) Nts B Warrig B 11 0 \_\_\_\_\_ E Byrne PPPOP6 MONSSELR BROOKS (22) R Strongs 8 11 0 ... R Str 57-350 SECKY BOO (25) 0 Burtlet B 10 9 ... D J Bur 040 MOSEY NORSH, 151 G Thomes 4 10 9 ... J. H 05 OK MY TOES (5) R Front 5 10 9 ... J 11 30000-F SIGERON PRONCESS (52) Mess L Vitorraccat 5 10 9 -11 declared -HETTRIQ: 15-10 Pater Morney, 4-1 Booky Soo, High Post, 8-1 Ketan, 8-1 Nobby North, 10-1 Sketten Princess, 25-1 Coochie, 50-1 others

6.45 SEMPKINS EDWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m 3f 11.0yds

05-1403 RAMSTAR (28) PHOOE 8 11 10 434224 SHENING RAIN (27) (D) R Hooges 10 10 0 ... T Descente (3) 

gots Green But 820, Gabbah 85g 980. gots Green Bat 8th, Geosto Rat Sen. BELTIPO: 7-2 Receptor, 4-1. Chemical Pastima, Mileo's An Ace, B-2 Julitarentes; B-1 Abouard, B-1 Exeming Reim, 16-1 Sydney Burry, 20-1 others 7.15 BROWN & SHIPLEY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 3f 110yds 

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Provident, 6-1 Inham Lily, 33-1 Juy Em Ess, 60-1 others 7.45 BROWN & SHIPLEY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 7f 110yds 64PP CARROT BAY (12) M Ogh 10 11 4
4-54004 CHRAMAN (17) Maline 7 11 4
055406 RARGERIY (18) Mas in Wheehouse 6 11 4
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5P5642 TRUST DEED (9) S Wag 8 11 4
- 11 declared -BETTING: 6-4 Energelica, 5-2 Marcuttin Gale, 5-1 Tour Lander, 8-1 Chinaman, Sexon Blade, 10-1 Trust Deed, 14-1 Buzz O'The Crowd, 33-1 others 8.15 JAMAR LINER AGENCIES NOVICE HAND-ICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 3m 2f 1 6-11150 HALE DERRONG (26) (D) N Twiston-Davies 6 11 11... 4P03 PHILATELIC (16) R Ainer 5 11 7 .... 4903 PHILLED EDIN (APE 5 LI 1 | 100023 WINNERS (27) Y Forsie 5 LI 7 | 100023 WINNERS (27) Y Forsie 5 LI 7 | 100023 WINNERS (27) Y Forsie 5 LI 7 | 100023 WINNERS MAN (40) 100 9 LI 1 | 100023 WINNERS MAN (40) 100 9 LI 1 | 100023 WINNERS WIN ...A P MeCo 13-077P DARLEY BUDY (19) J Mains 8 10 0 PENNANT COTTAGE (16) Mas K Whitehouse 8 10 0. 12 306000 VERRO (5) H Bishop 9 10 0... Till. Verto Str 12th. Monte Bound St 3b.
BETTME: 11-4 Wynters, 7-2 its Grand. 9-2 Philatelic, 5-1 Halle Detring, 6-1 Wreekjess Man, 30-1 Aldymann, 25-1 others 8.45 SIMPKINS EDWARDS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 3f 110yds 1 11124F DISTANT MEMORY (12) (CD) P Hotos 7 12 0... A P McCay 6 2 431PP2 SECRET FOUR (b) (D) Mrs 5 Williams 10 11 13... 362P36 | MRMSHA (12) M Ppo 6 11 1 | D Bridgemer 0 000000 SABARI RIVER (22) (CD) Mr. J Rome 12 10 13 | R Devid 46-0023 | DREAM HERE (16) J Fox 8 10 10 | S Fox 0 073344 SEMIOR SENIORIES (17) T Forsor 6 10 6 | S Wymen 1

5 46-0023 DREAM HERE (18) 1 for 8 10 10 S for 6 07-334 SBACK SEAVER SEAVEMENT (17) 1 for 8 10 6 S Wymno B 7 65-4005 SEVSO (18) R Bahor 7 10 8 S B D-50031 BRANKLIAN (22) (20) 1 White 7 10 6 R Greene 9 460004 MISS SOUTHER (18) H S Howe 7 10 0 C Liberally y 9 460004 MISS SOUTHER (18) H S Howe 7 10 0 C Liberally y 9 460004 MISS SOUTHER (18) H S Howelfor MISS Souther Set 40. BETTINGS 3-1 Sheer Standard, 7-2 Secret Four, 4-1 Remember, 5-4 Digitant Membry, 6-1 Habesho, 10-1 Dream Here, 14-1 Sevso, 16-1 others ...........R Greene

# sport

# **England aim** to tame Tendulkar

**DEREK PRINGLE** 

Cricket Correspondent

It is some measure of bow appalling the last : " months have been for English cricket that the Texaco Trophy is now regarded important enough to have its own customised squad of players.

England, normally fierce advocates of Test cricket, have gone further in this direction than ever before, but although Raymond Illingworth and his panel have distanced the spectre of the World Cup with an enlightened selection here, the chairman has reopened other wounds with his ill-timed comments concerning Devon Malcolm's performance in last winter's Cape Town Test.

Hingworth, who was oot at The Oval yesterday as England limbered up for the first of three one-day matches against India, has a habit of speaking his mind, but even he might have balked at the timing of his latest salvo. The Test and County Cricket Board almost certainly did, and he should be appearing in a committee room at Lord's soon.

Michael Atherton, looking relaxed after a long fielding session, refused to be drawn, saying he did oot want to rake over old ground or dwell on the past.

the moment I'm just looking for a better tomorrow," he said.

That day, despite the pres-ence of their enthusiastic and innovative oew coach, David Lloyd, will dawn only if England start winning. However, although most modern sportsmen will claim that winning is the only habit that matters, it is one England appeared to have

As such, even the most opti-mistic fan might be hard pressed to come up with any of the usual positive things that get trotted out at this time of year, despite England's 58 per cent win rate in all one-day matches played at home since 1984.

And yet if there is a team that comes close to matching England in the despair stakes at the momeot it is India, whose crushing World Cup semi-final defeat at the hands of Sri Lan-ka in Calcutta still lingers. They, too, are under pressure to deliver to an expectant public.

The man feeling the brunt of that pressure is India's captain, Mohammad Azharuddin, in

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kicked some time ago.
Since beating the West Indies 2-1 in the Texaco Trophy this time last year, England have won just three out of 13 one-day games, and two of those were against the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates.

Geiting into gear: The Indians warm up at The Oval yesterday prior to today's first Texaco Trophy match against England the wal e of his World Cup semi-final carisioo to put Sri Lanka in to bat on a pitch which subsequently broke up, along with the Indian batting.

Yesterday, after practice and still nursing a sore inger, he in-sisted that he had not been panicked into a drastic rethink. "Just because we played badly in one match, it doesn't mean you have to change your whole approach." That approach, as is the fash-

hind could quite easily plummet. ion these days, includes playing a pinch-hitter, who is Sachin Tendulkar, one of the world's outswing of Dominic Cork and

LATER . . .

MR RILEY ?

I CAN'T APOLOGISE

THIS UNFORTUNATE

**ENOUGH ABOUT** 

The WORLD

finest batsman. The wisdom of Peter Martin. India have adthis was self-evident during the World Cup when Teodulkar mitted they need big scores to defend. On the evidence so far, Tendulkar is the man most likeflayed the bowling to all parts ly to provide them and therefore of the subcootinent.

might be better off at No 3 or 4. In their warm-up games, In-However, on England's early season pitches, particularly with cloud and rain around, it dia's bowling has for the most part been gentle and uninspiring. Only Javagal Srinath and Anil may not be the most sensible thing to do. Should he fail ear-Kumble have looked dangerous ly on - as even he might - the and they will head an attack that will probably be joined by the imconfidence of those batting beproving Paras Mhanbrey and the For that reason, Atherton steady seam of Venkatesh Prasad. will probably attack him with the In contrast England's prob-

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THREE HOURS AGO.

STUFF YET. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

lems will not be about who to pick, but who to leave out, particularly among the all-rounders. With intermittent rain falling at The Oval yesterday and with the pitch under wraps, those decisions will be made this morning, though it looks as if Ronnie Irani and Mark Ealham will miss out. Both are certain to play at

least ooce in the series. The only certainty—regarding the new faces - is that Alistan Brown will open the innings and will be given the licence to play as he does for Surrey. If the pitch

is true, it should make for some interesting viewing, especially as Neil Smith, another who pinchhits for his county, is earmarked for No 3 should Brown fail. This, it appears, is all part of the new fluidity that Atherton

and Lloyd want. As Atherton admitted, the widespread use of pinch-hitters keeps raising the ceiling for scores in one-day cricket. "When I started, 240 was a good score. Now it's only a moderate ooe." Over the

Photograph: David Ashdown

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The opening day of the County Championship match between Sussex and Middlesex

at Horsham was abandoned yesterday without a ball being bowled.

Scotland's state of readiness undermined by injuries

Football

PHIL SHAW reports from Hartford, Conn

Just as a trip to see Rod Stew-art in New York tonight signals the end of the winding-down period for Scotland's foot-ballers after the rigours of the domestic season, so Sunday's date with Ernie Stewart (no relation) and the rest of the United States side, marks the beginning of the build-up to Euro 96.

The Scottish squad, who have collaborated with old Tartan Tonsils to record "Purple Heather" (formerly known as the important thing is that he's "Wild Mountain Thyme") as ready for England."

Colin Calderwood is another than the important thing is that he's ready for England." their coolidation to sical massacre that traditionally precedes such tournaments, will attend his show at Madison Square Gardeo before finalising preparations to face

The players showed no ill-cffects in training yesterday from

their ardnous Atlantic crossing
- after landing in New York six hours behind schedule, there was a long haul through rushhour traffic to New England though the condition of several will come under scrutiny in today's practice. Principal among them is likely to be Ally McCoist, who missed Saturday's Scottish Cup final with a

calf injury.
Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, wants to see how the Rangers striker responds to cardiovascular treatment before making his selection. "There's an ontside chance Ally will be fit for Sunday," he said. "But

er whose progress is being closely monitored. Because of injury, the Tottenham defender has not started a competitive game for two months. Brown admitted he was likely to play a full match against both the US at New Britain and

Colombia in Miami oext Wednesday.

All 11 players not in Sun-day's starting line-up will be on the bench, Brown having agreed with the American coach, Steve Sampson, that any five can come on. Rather than fielding his first-choice team, he will use the fixtures to study the sharpness of fringe candidates like Blackburn's Billy McKinlay and Coventry's Eoin Jess.

Brown may also take the opportunity to deploy Celtica. Tom Boyd, whom he has tended ed to see as a left-sided wingback, in central defence. In the event of Alan McLaren failing to recover from knee surgery, high he undergoes in Glasgov today. Boyd is expected to move aloogside Calderwood and Colin Hendry in a threeman unit. But with the Dutch, Swiss and English all certain to have spies in the stand, Brown, like Rod Stewart, did not want

#### CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTDOWN: No 4 Germany Vogts is a favourite at last

If you wanted an international side to play for your life you would think carefully about the Dutch, then choose the Germans. They are the time and motioo man's dream team, maximising while others disappoint. They qualify for every major tourname ot and usually reach or

Their preparation for Euro but they have still laid a pitch of Wembley dimensions and turf in the grounds of their Cheshire hotel. You suspect it will not be in vain.

After the relative failure of the last World Cup, when they were beaten in the quarter-finals by Bulgaria, the Ger-mans have staged a typically robust comeback, winning eight of their 10 qualifying matches. They have since also defeated fellow finalists Portugal and the Netherlands

away from home in friendlies. Even the coach, Berti Vogts ("if I walked oo water my accusers would say it's be-cause I can't swim"), has shaken off his critics and, after the final qualifying game against the Bulgarians, was af-forded a standing ovation from 75,000 fans in Berlin's Olympic stadium. If Vogts, who has had more calls for his resignation than John Major, is popular, then the rest of Europe must look out.

"I feel confident this German team can win the European Championship," Franz Beckenbauer, one of four of Vogts' immediate predecessors who have won either world or European titles, said. "The form they showed against the Bulgarians proved it."

Not that Vogts is entirely without selection problems which have centred oo his



talisman, Jürgen Klinsmann, once he has served a ooematch suspension, is a certainty after scoring nine goals in the qualifying games but finding a partner has proved more of a problem.

Karlheinz Riedle and Heiko Herrlich have oot fully recovered from injury while Fredi Bobic has a suspect knee, Ulf Kirsten has lost form and Stefan Kuntz has looked a lesser player since moving to Besik-

Player to watch

(Borussia Dortmund)

as a potential weakness, his eagemess to push forward sometimes leaving gaps. Instead, he dominated their qualifier in Cardiff, firing more shots at Nevilla Southall in 90 minutes than an English sweeper would contemplate in a career. A player, as the advert goes, for those who prefer silk.

stas in Turkey. In desperation, Vogts turned to the neglected talent of Oliver Bierhoff.

Never fully appreciated in the Bundesliga, Bierhoff has prospered since moving to Italy's Udinese via Salzburg and is the only German left in Serie A. First capped against the Portuguese in February, he scored both goals in a friend-ly against the European Championship holders, Deomark, and seems to have cemented a place.

Vogts' other dilemma is the position of sweeper, which would normally be in the possession of Lothar Matthaus, the World Cup winning cap-tain in 1990. A ruptured Achilles teodoo cost him his place in the national team, which was not regained despite some storming performances as leader and sweeper of the Uefa Cup winners, Bayern

Munich. In his place has come Mat-German to play for the unified national team in 1990 and oow, Klinsmann and Thomas Hässler not withstanding, possibly the most influential member of it.

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get close to the final. 96 is typical. In all probabil-ity they will have only one chance of playing under the Twin Towers, in the final,

Matthias Sammer

Wales pinpointed Sammer

# Hubris at the heart of great English schism

Being a military man, Captain Tony Hallett (RN retired) should have known the folly of fighting on two fronts. For the Rugby Football Union, the ghastly prospect of losing oot only its leading clubs but also its neighbouring unions may become a virtual reality.

This is not what Hallett signed up for when he accepted the RFU shilling and left the service to succeed Dudley Wood as secretary. If only it were as simple as commanding a destroyer, he could be excused for thinking. Destroyer? Ouch.
Up there io his well-

appointed cabin at Twickenham, a day is not the same without some new crisis, and tomorrow the one with the clubs could well become terminal. And lest we forget, the English are oo the hrink of being drop-kicked

out of the Five Nations as well. As things stand, there is as little chance of resolving how professional club rugby in England is to be financed and administered as there is in eradicating mad cow disease. For BSE and CJD, read RFU. After last Friday's incooclusive meeting, the clubs let it be known that tomorrow's would be make or break. Now it has

turned into a meeting of the full

RFU committee - all 61 of them

- and all the evidence makes it

more likely to be break. So attention must turn to what happens then, after the great breakaway, and an inexorable logic is at work which it is quite conceivable to see culminating in England's being represented in a revamped Five Nations competition by an al-

The other home unions are so fed up with English cupidi-ty - the very sin of which the union accuses the clubs - that they could feasibly hring themselves to deal with an alternative to the RFU, which has in effect been given a month to abandoo its policy of seeking a televisioo contract separate from the rest.

You need only examine the state of relations between England and its uneasy partners in the Five Nations to see how tempting this returt to a centurv of perceived arrogance would be. As an otherwise pleasant day in Dublin for last Saturday's Peace Match confirmed, everyone - but everyone - is sick to death of the Rugby Football

Jack Rowell, the England manager, has been fond of em-

Tomorrow, the RFU may find its war on two fronts has backfired, tearing rugby union apart. Steve Bale reports

phasising (as explanation and, joint Five Nations television nesometimes, excuse) the importance of an even longer history when his team face up to insurgent Scots, Welsh or Irish and the antipathy between Eng-lish and French rugby is among the game's defining features in the Nineties.

But Rowell could never have imagined that the on-field anti-Englishness with which he is familiar would be so precisely emulated off the field too. The RFU, for which this season has been an endless strategic and tactical calamity, held a hostage to fortune with its insistence on opting out of the

gotiations and their Welsh, Scottish and Irish counterparts are demanding as ransom that the English abase themselves by backing down.

If present positions are maintained, the other four nations-France included - will proceed with plans for a new home-andaway tournament without England from next season when the BBC's contract is in the last of its three years. And as if the RFU's pariah status were not had enough, it is then perfectly possible that the big English chubs, by then seceded from the governing body, would seek to

enter a team of their own so as to re-form the Five Nations' see a move such as postulated Championship.
Remember, the First Division

players headed by Phil de Glanville and Lawrence Dallaglio have already pledged their allegiance, in the event of a split, to the leading clubs represented by English Profes-sicoal Rugby Union Clubs Ltd (Epruc) and self-evidently ould also want international rugby both for financial reasons and for its own sake.

This has been made explicit within the past fortnight by the England lock Martin Bayfield, who says that players of his ilk would not stand idly by if they were not participating in the championship and would get on with organising their own team. It is not as if player/union reladons have any recent history of

by Bayfield fitting rather neatly into Epruc's schemes. Nor would it necessarily eod

there. The RFU was hardly a soul-mate of the big southernhemisphere rugby unic ing the years that led at last w the International Board's embrace of professionalism nine months ago, and it is a presumption on Twickenham's part to think that, simply because it wills it, it will have Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

queuing to play here.

Quite the contrary in fact, if we are to believe Keith Parkinson of the South African RFU executive, who suggested the calendar was already too congested. An endless alternative diet of, say, Italy, Argentina and sundry Pacific islanders would

he an unappetising substitute for Wales, Scotland, Ireland and France and unworthy of Twickenham's 75,000 capacity or the £34m still owed on it.

And anyway who is to say the "Sanza" countries would oot prefer in take on Epruc England, heing a team representative of the strength of English rugby, than RFU England? Al-though the RFU habitually presumes that what is good for it is good for everyone else, everyone else disagrees.

In the meanwhile the protagonists can only wait for tomorrow - but not hope, since every time there has been optimism it has gone unrequited. England, or rather English rug-by as represented by the RFU. faces melidown. For New England, on the other hand, the rest of the world awaits.

## Weish hope to feel at home on tour

n Tuesday il was Scotland heading off for New Zealand and today it is Wales en route to Australia. The contrast could not be sharper; where the Scots have embraced touring as essential more than merely nec-essary, for the Welsh it has been an optional and frequently unpleasant extra.

It is Kevin Bowring's earnest hone that this is about to change but the Weish are notoriously had tourers - both in terms of adverse psychology of being away. So while the coach can hope, he cannot know whether his own worldliness, born of most of a lifetime living outside Wales (he still lives in Bristol). will now be transmitted to his players.

Most of them will be staying in Wales, however, despite the sums supposedly on offer in England which have already attracted Gareth Llewellyn and Andy Moore. Their lucrative voluntary exile with Hadequins and Richmond respectively has specifically excluded them from group of 16 to whom the Welsh Rugby Union is awarding threeyear contracts worth £30,000 annually - the proviso being

that they play for Welsh clubs, Otherwise the favoured ones

are those involved during the Five Nations, including Gareth Thomas, who is joining Pon-typridd from Bridgend. For the rest the attraction is match fees and bonuses - and Llewellyn and Moore are doing quite nicely anyway - and the incen-tive of using the tour to gain a contract. As it is, the WRU will have to find £480,000 a year.

Wales have toured South Africa once (and played a oneoff Test there last September). New Zealand twice and this will the results they achieve and the he the third tour to Australia all this in 32 long years. They came back from South Africa in 1964 saying something must be done, said much the same after New Zealand in '88 and Australia in '91, wheo the tour disintegrated through humiliating results on the field and humiljating behaviour off it.

If this seems an unduly neg-ative way in which to herald this eight-match tour, which kicks off against Western Australia oext Wednesday and includes Tests in Brisbane and Sydney, it has the positive function of emphasising how much has changed in five years. Wales may have woo only one of their 1996 Five Nations matches but they were widely admired for

termittently skilful rugby.

Wales should be measuring themselves against the hest in the world. But even in the years of plenty two decades ago Welsh success was confined to these islands, only the reflected glory of major representation on the victorious Lions' tours to New Zealand in 1971 and South Africa in 1974 proving a wider international point. Even the team of 1978, the

last from Wales to do the Grand

Slam, went on to lose in Australia. We have the incentive of doing better than the other Welsh squads that have gone to Australia," Terry Cohner, the WRU's director of rugby and the '78 tour captain, said, And as it happens, this modest amhitioo is well within their reach.

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Alberto Costa on his way to victory in the World Team Cup yesterday

Boris Becker, Wimhledon champion on three occasions, has pulled out of next week's French Open because of a thigh injury. The German said he needed to take a hreak of at least 10 days because of a muscle problem which requires intensive treatment.

Tennis

Becker was yesterday forced to pull out of his singles match against the clay-court specialist Sergi Bruguera at the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf. David Prinosil was named as his replacement in Germany's roundrohin group match againsl

Becker had chosen to play in the Düsseldorf tournament for the first time in six years so he could work on his clay-court game. On Mooday, the 28year-old, who has oever won a clay court tournament, lost his opening match against the Swiss Marc Rosset in straight sets. Becker said he had tom a mus-

cle in his right thigh in two places during his match against Rosset. Tam extremely disappointed. The last six weeks preparation on day have been for nothing." Becker said. "I can't do anything for 10 to 14 days... Hopefully I am going to be back for the grass-court season."

huild-up to his favourite Grand Slam event in London at the Queen's Club on to June The German said he did not know yet whether he would be fit in time to play.

**Becker out of** 

French Open

"You never know," he said. [Before Wimbledon] I have Ouecn's and two exhibitions in Roehampton, I have two weeks and I hope it works. I am still optimistic.

Monica Seles saved five match points on her return to competitive tennis yesterday in a 3-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory over Austria's Barbara Schett at the Madrid Open. The three-times French Open

vinner, who won the Australian Open in January but has not played since early February because of injury, said she was glad

to get the game over.

It was a pretty emotional match out there on the red clay. a lot of memories," said Seles who will be competing at the French Opeo, which starts on Mooday.

"Game-wise, it was not one of the highlights of my career but it was good to get it over with and put it hehind and move on," she said, "It was a step forward again. One of the reasons I wanted to play here is 10 go through things I have lo at the French."

#### Whitaker resigns as Great Britain coach

BILL COLWILL

David Whitaker, coach of the Great Britain Olympic squad, yesterday resigned less than two months away from their first game in Atlanta. Whitaker. who led Britain to the Olympic bronze medal in Los Angeles and then gold in Seoul before leaving teaching to go into the communications business, returned in April 1993 to take Britain to Atlanta.

There was no hiding the disappointment of Richard Dodds, Britain's captain in Seoul, at a

press conference at Bisham Ahhey yesterday. He said: "David's business has grown enormously in receot months and he feels unable to give the attention required to continue."

Dodds announced that Jon Copp, the Reading coach who has been assistant coach to Whitaker, had taken over and would be assisted by James Duthie who has also been part of the coaching team. Dodds acknowledged the enormous contributioo Whitaker had made to the British game, adding: "We believe this decision to be in the hest interests of Great Britain in the huild-up to Atlanta."

Jason Laslett, Great Britain's captain, said that the players were surprised when told but he did oot expect any radical change. The loss of Whitaker will be a serious setback for

Britain's medal hopes. Whitaker, who left his wife and family in March to move in with the coach of the women's Olympic squad, Mrs Sue Slocombe, was yesterday unavailable for comment. Jane Sixsmith snatched a 1-

1 draw for Great Britain with 15 seconds remaining in their second game against Argentina at Lilleshall yesterday. A depleted British side went a goal

down a minute before the interval when Sofia Mackenzie gave Argentina the lead from a fiercely struck penalty corner. A series second-half saves by

Jo Thompsoo kept Britain in the game until Tina Cullen beat three Argentinians in midfield hefore her delayed pass found 

#### Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

The Bradford Bulls coach. Brian Smith, has added the final piece to his rebuilt team with the signing of the Great Britain and England full-back, Stuart Spruce, from Widnes.

The 25-year-old Spruce oined the Bulls yesterday for a fee of £120,000 and will go straight into the side for the match against Leeds at Odsal tomorrow night.

Smith has been tracking the player ever since taking up his post at Bradford.

"I have kept in touch with his the money received for Spruce development since he was a young player in the very good Widnes sides when I was coaching at Hull," he said. "He is one of those players who, if he works

Smith finishes beefing up the Bulls

hard, could develop into one of the best in the competition." Smith said that the signing of Spruce hrought his current spending plans to an end. He now has enviable depth among the backs, with both Paul Cook and Nathan Graham able to

play elsewhere, and anything less than a top four finish in Super League would he consid-

ered a disappointment. Widnes have pledged to use to strengthen their own First Division promotion push.

Smith's younger hrother, Tony, has been appointed assistant coach to Ross O'Reilly at Workington. The former St George player joined the cluh as a player earlier this month, but hroke a bone in his hand in

his second game. Wigan confirmed that Craig Murdock will play scrum-half in the return match with Bath under rugby union rules at Twickenham on Saturday. The regular scrum-half and captain, Shaun Edwards, has ruled himself out

with rib ligament damage.

today in Australia with the opening of Super League's appeal against the ruling banning it from kicking off there before the year 2000. Seven days have been set aside for the hearing. in the federal court in Sydney. with Super League's lawyers arguing 62 points of law from the original marathon court case:

The sport went back to court

If Rupert Murdoch's nrganisation loses again, his only remaining option would be to seek a hearing before Australia's high court, although speculation is strong that he would instead cut his losses and concentrate oo his rugby union investments.

#### EVENING RACING RESULTS NEWCASTLE

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Halling, last year's Eclipse Stakes winner but very disappointing behind Cigar in the Breeders' Cup Classic and Dubai World Cup, is one of seven acceptors for the Group One Prix d'Ispahan over nine furlongs at Longchamp oo Monday. The Paul Cole-trained Champion Stakes third Montjoy, was another acceptor for the race Eveningperformance, Leap For Joy, General Monash and Godolphin's Easy Options were the British-based acceptors at vesterday's forfeit stage for the Group Two Prix du Gros-Chene ofer five furlangs at Deauville oo Sunday. The Simon Dowtrained Young Ern, was one of the three British acceptors for the Prix du Palais Royal.

#### Funnell in title defence

Pippa Funnell will be aiming to

repeat last year's victory when she rides Marshlands Rubio and Rainhow Magic at the Windsor Horse Trials, which begin today in Windsor Great Park, writes Genevieve Murphy. Funnell, who had heen suffering from shingles earlier this month, rode these two sevenyear-olds to finish first and third at Tidworth last week. Marshlands Rubio, who also won at Dynes Hall this year. looks to have exceptional promise. He is by Dutch Gold, with whom Jennie Loriston-Clarke was a regular member of

dressage marks are normally ex-

cellent Kristina Gifford, who is on

The going is reported to be good, thanks to helpful watering by one of the new joint sponsors, Martin Collins Enterprises. Collins' firm joins Nordic Holdings and Exton Stud to support the event now that Brittany Ferries are no hefits his hreeding, Rubio's longer involved.

for a third time last year.

Close has since been passed fit to box by the Boxing Union of Ireland hut has been unable to secure a World Boxing Organisation title fight with Steve Collins, who took his place and

Eastwood, said in a statement:

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Ray Close is to sue the British

Close, a former European super-middleweight champion, is suing for losses following the loss of a re-match with Eubank and the subsequent suspension of his

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Close's manager, Barney

#### Close to sue British Board axe to grind against the Board, nonetheless I feel sorry for Ray,

Board over its decision to prevent him meeting Chris Eubank

Britain's dressage team and, as

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the Olympic shortlist, will also be riding two seven-year-olds: O'Leary and Mr Macauley. Windsor will be their first three-day event, but they have shown good form on the oneday circuit - especially at Dynes Hall, where they finished first and third in an intermediate

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announced that 61-year-old Yawa Saeed, a tobeco company executive who played for Somerset in the mid1950s, would be the tour manager for Pakistan's forthcoming tour of England. He will replace the sacked former Test all-nounder intikhate Alam.

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**Rugby League** Nothern Beass will play their Super League home game against Pens on Friday 28 June at Boundary Park, the home of their football neighbours, Oldham Athletic.

Rugby Union Dean Richards, the England No 8, has been re-elected as Leicester Tigers' captain for next season. tein for next season. Victor Libour, will return to the Bath front. row for the return match against Wigen row for the return match against Wigen under rigby union rules at fwickenham on Saturday. Bath will be without their three touring Scots as well as Jeremy Guscott and Ben Clarie but will still field

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Football

Other sports

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TODAY'S NUMBER 250 The cost to Ajax fans, in guilders (£100), of having their ashes sprinkled over the Amsterdam club's hallowed turf. A Dutch crematorium is buying some of the pitch to transplant in their cemetery before the stadium is demolished. They will also offer memorial plaques in red and white, Ajax's colours.



Divolce: One of

# **Brothers** pair up in battle for squad places

Football

GLENN MOORE reports from Peking

Of all the places in which to play a pair of brothers England had to choose China - a country which, for more than 20 years, has tried to coovince its populatioo to settle for one child per family, preferably a girl.

That oddity will oot be lost on many of the 65,000 crowd at today's frieodly international but, back home in Bury, it will not coocern Neville Neville, proud father of Gary and Phil. Gary is a relative veteran of

nine caps but Phil, two years the younger at 19, will be making his debut. He is on the left of a defeoce which includes Tooy Adams, who is hoping to prove his fitness for Euro 96. In front of them, in a team which shows nine changes from the one which defeated Hungary 3-0 on Saturday, Jamie Redknapp and Nick Barmby will be playing for their squad places. Alan Shearer is also back but the three most important players to Venables' side, David Seaman, Paul Ince and

Teddy Sheringham, are rested. The Nevilles are the sixth set of hrothers to play together for England and only the second this century after Jack and Bobby Charlton, who were last in harness in 1970. They are both quick, intelligent and composed. Venables said of Phil: "He's an outstanding taleot. His career has followed a very similar pattern to his brother's. He is young but has already played in some tough games. Both brothers have the same

Hong Kong, fearing English football booligans may follow

their team to the British colony,

has banned alcohol at Sunday's

match against a local side and

hired bundreds of extra securi-

It seems to be an extreme

measure as only about 200 fans

- vetted and accredited by the

Football Association - will be

seated in a special area.

ty guards, including soldiers.

should be around for England for years to come." Tve just phoned my dad and

he's eveo happier than I am," said Phil, who is Venables' 26th new cap. "I think it means even more to him wheo we play together than to us.

"We had a practice game this morning. I was in the team wearing the orange bibs and I ensed it was the team that was going to play because Gazza was in it. Then Terry called me to one side and told me I was playing. It was an unforgettable moment

The reason I was not on the bench oo Saturday was that Terry had asked me to go into the stand and watch how the system was played. Watch it very closely' he had said."

"Managers do oot look at us as a pair but as individuals," Gary added. "I won't be giving him any advice - you have to learn for yourself. It is the only way to get better.

Adams will be playing his first senior competitive match since a knee operation in January.
"He looks fine," said Venahles,
who has restored him to the captaincy. With Mark Wright out of the European Championships, Adams, if he is able to adjust to the new defensive formation, should regain his once-unquestioned place in the team.

Whether Gareth Southgate actually plays ahead of Adams, or alongside, will depend on the Chinese. "We don't know how they'll play. I have told them you'll have to adapt when you get out there," Venables said. This is precisely the sort of decisionmaking he has been encouraging his players to make since he took over and it will be inter-

stadium, site of the popular an-

nual rugby union sevens tour-

nament at which alcohol is

considered by many fans an in-

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Yet the Hong Kong organis-

Hong Kong alcohol ban

The alcohol ban is the first Yu, deputy chief executive offi-

ever imposed at the Hong Kong cer at the Hong Kong FA, said.

esting to see how England cope.
Publicly the Chinese say they are just pleased to be on the same pitch; privately they are expecting to win. England's fortimate 2-1 Wembley win over Japan in the summer is fresh in the mind. Venables said he would be "delighted" with a repeat of the

scoreline and, given the condi-tions, he probably means it. Although the temperature drops in the evening it will still be warm, the pitch is playable but not good, the crowd will be passionate and the opposition en-thusiastic. Yet England should still win. "We need an early goal," ooted Paul Gascoigne, who steered his way through a tortuous bilingual press conference with perfect diplomacy.

Gascoigne was one of the few layers not to go to the Great Wall yesterday. Instead he played cards at the team hotel. Everyone has different ways of relaxing," he said. Given that the trip involved a fair bit of footogging in ocar-90 degree heat his decisioo may have beeo right, however strange it seems.

Gascoigne will be resuming a midfield partnership with Redknapp which looked very good against Colombia. Redknapp was theo injured and struggled to regain his form. Barmby also impressed in that September game, linking well with Shearer, only to lose form as Middlesbrough tied up. Both, said Veoables, looked sharp in training. According to Sir Len Apple-

yard, the British Ambassador to China, the Chinese have "developed a real football atmosphere". Venables, who saw a game here a fortnight ago, said they make a lot of noise with bamboo whistles which sound like high-pitched horns. To counter them there will be just over 300 English supporters, some of them resident here. There could have been 270 more but, bizarrely, Michael Heseltine's British trade mission left for Shanghai yesterday. Clearly the link between football and corporate entertaining is one Western trend yet to be included in China's economic reforms.



Wall pass: Alan Shearer returns today for England after a trip to China's great attraction yesterday

# Germans settle Macclesfield row

Germany have settled their differences with Vauxhall Cooference minnows Macdesfield and will train at the non-League club's ground during Euro 96 after a row over expenses was resolved yesterday.

Euro 96 officials and the German federation have agreed to donate £2,000 each to the newly crowned FA Trophy holders and will share the costs of stewarding. Police costs have also been waived.

The Silkmen were unhappy that they might be considerably out of pocket after agreeing to accommodate one of the favourites for the competition. who are staying at a hotel based

Steve Bruce, the 35-year-old Manchester United defensive

stalwart, yesterday joined First

Divisioo Birmingham City oo a

Bruce is the first major sign-

ing of Trevor Francis, who re-

placed Barry Fry as Birming-

ham manager earlier this month. The possibly of a coach-ing role at St Andrew's has ap-

pareotly tempted Bruce to chose the lower division side

over another season with the

ANDREW MARTIN

free transfer.

Double winners.

nearby in the Cheshire countryside. Club officials considered charging admission to training, but the Germans would not agree to that, saying that would be on unfair on the fans as they could not say how long each ses-

sion would last. The German Consul General in Manchester, Rolf Meyer-Olden, intervened in the dispute and helped bring it to an end. He said: "We are glad the matadmission charge because we want to make this a gesture of open training to show our ap-

ter is settled. There will be no preciation of our own faus and that of our English hosts."

**Bruce signs for Birmingham** 

firmed: "The dispute over fipancial arrangements has been settled and Macclesfield have dropped their complaint." . Manchester United keeper

Peter Schmeichel yesterday pledged his future to the Old Trafford club - killing off suggestions surfacing in Spain that the Danish international could join Bobby Robson at

Robson, installed as manager at the Non Camp on Thesday, is a close friend of Schmeichel, who is widely regarded as the best keeper in the world. But Schmeichel is keen hat of our English hosts." see out the remaining two years
A Euro 96 spokesman conof his cootract at Old Trafford, saying: "I am very happy at Manchester United and I have just completed the best seasoo of my career.

"United are as big as any club in Europe at the moment and I am convinced we can carry on winning major trophies. I don't feel there is any way I can better myself.

"When my contract expires I'll review the situation. It could be that I'll carry oo with United because the way things have gone for me since I arrived at Old Trafford, I could never see myself playing for jor club."

Liverpool's four injured in-

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ternationals are all expected to

forced out of Euro 96, has responded well to a double hernia operation and should be back available when Liverpool report for pre-season training on 11 July. The Republic of Ireland in-

Stan Collymore, who was

successful operations.

ternationals Phil Babb and Jason McAteer are recovering from treatment. Babb had a var cose vein removed while McAteer is having treatment for a recurring knee problem. And the England centre-back Mark Wright is boping to be back for the start of the season despite limping out of Euro 96 with knee ligament damage last Saturday.

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



**ACROSS** Contumacious attitude of French person ringing anoth-

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Make the longest word you can from TOMELETAE Last Saturday's Scramble: RAPHBOW

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very tempting (6) required four operations. 24 Cut top off smooth, shiny veg

> World Cup in Havana. "It's a miracle I'm back." Ridgeoo said. "I was told I would never run again and I oever thought I would. It's a dream come true. There is still a way to go and I must be cautious. ry and Sonya Bowyer, are ahead But I've been training for six of her in the rankings.

gives him the chance to extend his career and it is a marvellous challenge for him." United, meanwhile, have been seeded for oext seasoo's ex-

panded European Champions' League but Rangers, the Scottish title holders, will have to quali-fy for the 24-club competition.

"It will be a terrible wreach leaving United," Bruce said.
"But at this stage of my career the offer from Trevor Francis is too good to turn down."

Bruce, who made his United debut in 1987, helped guide the club to three championships in four seasons. However, he was

Cup final victory over Liverpool. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "We have had to But Clark's claim that the concur with Steve's wishes. That is the very least we owe him. It "Frank Clark is wrong to

The assertion of Frank Clark, the Nottingham Forest manager, that Jason Lee's career had taken a downward spiral be-cause of derision meted out by BBC 2's Fantasy Football League

was itself roundly ridiculed. The 25-year-old forward, whose distinctive dreadlocks and poor form have been a continuing source of amusement for the programme's hosts, Frank Skinner and David Baddiel. has been transfer listed.

£200,000 signing from Southend has been victimised was roundly dismissed in a statement issued by the comedians' agents.

blame us for Jason Lee's decline," it read. "He bought the player in the first place and now is deciding to sell him. It is obviously convenient to blame us."

Kenny Jackett has become the Watford manager in a reshuffle at Vicarage Road that sees Graham Taylor, the former England manager who returned to the club last season, becoming geoeral manager.

Jackett, who made more than 400 appearances for Watford before a knee injury cut short his career six years ago, yesterday appointed Luther Blissett as his No 2. Last season the former team-mates shared the first team, reserves and youth coaching duties as the club were relegated from the First Division,

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#### Ridgeon comes full circle

**Athletics** 

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Jon Ridgeon, named yesterday as Britain's 400 metres hurdles choice for the European Cup in Madrid, described his return to top flight athletics as a \*miracle" - and for ooce, the use of

the word was understandable. The 29-year-old former world 110m burdles silver medallist has risen to the top of the British rankings on his third comeback after desperate Achilles tendon problems which

Now he will compete in his first European Cup in a team which also includes the former Olympic javelin champion Tessa Sanderson who, like him, last competed for Britain at the 1992

ruptions. As I learn the event again, I'm sure I can go quicker and theo start thinking about the Olympics."
Sanderson, 40, will compete

in her seventh European Cup after coming out of retirement last Saturday and immediately achieving the Olympic javelin qualifying standard. Her first was in 1975 when some of the team-mates she will join on 1 and 2 June were not even born. But there is no 800m return yet for Diane Modahl, who was finally cleared of drug-taking by the International Amateur Athletic Federatioo two months

The double World Champi-onship medallist Kelly Holmes switches to the two-lap event after a shaky opening 1500m in Atlanta on Saturday. She will take stock of the situation after an 800m this weekend and Modahi will come into contention for her place if there are more problems. But two girls, Hayley Par-

The selectors have gone for European champion Du'aine Ladejo ahead of Mark Richardson in the 400m - Britain's most competitive event - and Dalton Grant before Steve Smith in the high jump. Linford Christie bids to extend his remarkable record in the competition to seven successive 100m wins. Christie, who has yet to say whether he will defend his Olympic title, also goes in the 200m, aiming for a third cou-

secutive sprint double. Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson are back after missing last year's meeting through injury and illness, while Jonathan Edwards renews his association with the competition which launched his amazing triple jump sequence in Lille 12 months ago.

Automatic choices missing are Steve Backley, who has had an Achilles operation, John Regis with slight Achilles trouble and Yvonne Murray, who lost valuable winter training with a back problem.

Squad, Sporting Digest, page 31

